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# Unity gov't talk hits fever pitch

SARAH HONIG

TALK of renewed moves toward a national unity government reached a fever pitch yesterday. but the protagonists themselves insisted that it was all much ado

about nothing - so far.

The rumor mill started grinding furiously after a meeting late Sunday between Labor leader Shimon Peres and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon. More grist for the mill was provided vesterday afternoon when Foreign Minister David Levy and Labor MK Haim Ramon met at the Foreign Ministry.

All four denied they were planning any specific moves.

Sharon visited Peres at home and sources close to Sharon were quick to claim last night that there was nothing special in the meeting and that it was one in a long series of friendly tete-a-tetes which had Peres became n minister last year and which continued after Peres's electoral defeat. The sources said that Sharon enjoys the food and excellent cognac offered by Peres.

The Ramon and Levy conversation was ascribed two scenarios.

One school of thought has it that both interlocutors find a national unity government to their advantage. Levy could east himself in the role of the great national mediator on the condition that he not lose his portfolio if a broad coalition is set up, while Ramon would like to see Peres maintain his leadership in Labor by ushering Peres into the unity coalition in which Peres would be Labor's No. 1. This would belittle Ramon's chief rival in the battle of succession. Ehud Barak.

A second scenario speaks of Levy and Rumon hatching a grand scheme for a new centrist party to be composed of Levy's Gesher faction, Ramon's Ram faction from the Histadrut, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo. Shas and even

comedian Dudu Topaz. Ramon spent the day denying any of the claims and argued that a national unity government is a non-starter because of the guidelines of the present government.

Levy said that a "centrist party is not on the cards now since all parties. Right and Left, claim that they are the true political center. As for national unity it should be remembered that when there is a iot of noise in public, there is nothing happening in fact."

MK Aryeh Deri (Shasi discounted the notion that his party would give up its independence to join in a new centrist party venture. unless everyone else mentioned by the press wants to become religious and accept the authority of Rubbi Ovadia Yosef and join Shas.

We will welcome them." He told Channel 1 that his party had always favored "the national unity option, even before this coalition was formed, but it was always axiomatic with us that we will not force Netanyahu into a coalition with anyone he does not want to include in it."

Labor MK Yossi Beilin, who has had talks with Likud MK Michael Estan lately on the end goals in the negotiations with the PA, contributed to the speculation last might by asserting that there is much more in common than is supposed. There is a surprising amount of common ground.

Beilin may run, Page 12



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and US Vice President Al Gore share a light moment at the CSCE meeting in Lisbon yesterdayaReneri

## PM: There is calm on Syrian front

"THERE are clear signs of calm on the Syrian front." Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday told Israeli reporters accompanying him on his visit to the OSCE conference in Lisbon. Netanyahu said the possibility of renewing peace talks with the Syrians is being explored.

"There are clear signs of things calming down. I repeat this. I don't think it would be appropriate to give details; however, you may assume that, if I say so, then there's a reason for it," Netanyahu said.

"Of course," he added, "this does not exempt us from scrupulously guarding the security of the State of Israel."

At least two European leaders told Netanyahu yesterday during meetings in Lisbon that they oppose his policy of expanding existing settle**DAVID MAKOVSKY and Itim** 

Israel Radio reported that both France's President Jacques Chirac and Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi separately told Netanyahu that such activity hurts the peace

Netanyahu also held quick discussions with Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin. He is expected to meet with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa today to discuss the strain in the bilateral relationship. There are no plans for Netanyahu to meet with Palestinian Authority leader Yasser

Leaders from 52 countries are in attendance at

Europe session in Lisbon.

Later today, Netanyahu heads to Spain and tomorrow, he holds talks in Ireland before returning home tomorrow night. Ireland currently holds the rotating presidency of the European

Channel 2 reported that Arafat canceled his planned participation in the Lisbon summit after learning that Netanyahu would refuse to meet with him there, a decision that apparently had met with US endorsement. Eldad Beck adds from Paris:

Chirac told Netanyahu in their Lisbon meeting that Israel should make "a significant gesture" to improve the political atmosphere and to relaunch the peace process. He warned Netanyahu that unless such a gesture is made, new waves of ter-

# Israel awaits PA concessions

HAVING dropped its insistence on explicit language enabling the IDF to reenter Palestinian-controlled parts of Hebron, Israeli negotiators are now waiting for reciprocal concessions on other outstanding issues related to a

Hebron redeployment.

The drafting of the most contentious section of the protracted Hebron pullback talks is close to completion, officials say.

We are almost done with the drafting of the security responsibilities issue. There are just minor points left," an official said yester-

Last Tuesday, Israel verbally conveyed its willingness to the Palestinians to drop its insistence upon explicit wording that would give the IDF the right to reenter the estimated 80 percent of the city under Palestinian security control for purposes of foiling terror attacks.

On Sunday night, negotiators drafted language that would essentially reaffurn the applicability of a section of the Oslo II agreement to the Hebron deal. The section in question is apparently Annex I. Article XI(3a), which Israel interprets as enabling it to act preventively or preemptively if needed. and not just reactively. Yet, the Palestinians do not interpret this

section in the same way. The article section reads that "engagement shall mean an immediate response to an act or an incident constituting a danger to life or property that is aimed at preventing or terminating such an act or incident, or at apprehending its

perpetrators. Talks which could have wrapped section vesterday were not

held, as top Israeli negotiator Yitzhak Molcho was not feeling well. Molcho's Palestinian counterpart is Saeb Erekat.

Some progress has been made on the issue of hot pursuit. Palestinian sources said. Differences still exist, but the gap between the two positions has narrowed, according to a negotiator.

Despite a sense of progress on the issue of reentry, Israeli negotiators are frustrated that the Palestinians have not reciprocated by making their own concession on the type of weaponry being deployed. Israel would like the Palestinians to essentially keep their rifles locked away or deployed immediately around their police stations, which are some distance from the Jewish settier areas.

Without a reciprocal Palestinian concession on guns, Israel has so far held out in resolving the opening of Shuhada Street and the market in Hebron- called for in the Oslo II accord. There has been some informal talk of opening Shuhada Street, which runs through the Jewish quarter, four to six months after a deal has been struck.

Apart from the Hebron issues, which are being headed by Molcho and Erekat, Prime Minister Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser Dore Gold has been discussing non-Hebron issues with Palestinian official Yasser Abed-Rabbo.

Among the issues being discussed, which would follow a Hebron deal, is a prisoner release. Palestinian negotiators have been pressing for the release of an esti-(Continued on Page 2)

## Israeli-Arab fundamentalists split into two camps

THE fundamentalist Islamic Movement in Israel has split into rwo camps - one more pragmatic and the other more radical - following its historic decision earlier this year to run in Knesset elections, according to Dr. Elie Rekhess, an expert on the Israeli

The radical element, according

**DAVID RUDGE** 

to Rekhess, has more affinity to and even associations with -Islamic organizations in the territories, especially Hamas.

The pragmatic faction, led by the movement's spiritual head Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darweesh, more readily accepts the situation

of Moslems in Israel as a minority

in a non-Islamic state.

"A trend that is clearly emerging is the strengthening of this affinity between the radical element of the Islamic movement in Israel and the Islamic opposition, primarily Hamas, in the West Bank and Gaza," said Rekhess.

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#### IDF needs money now Mordechai:

Minister Yitzhak Mordechai reportedly told the

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday that he hopes to resume negotiations with Arab countries, but needs a larger budget for the IDF to answer immediate security needs. Speaking with reporters outside the committee

meeting, Mordechai said: "We are looking forward to continuing negotiations with Syria and other Arab countries. Our strategy is to continue with the peace

LIAT COLLINS process and at the same time not to

> damage Israeli security. "I'm sure the IDF and the Defense Ministry have everything they need to continue to ensure the security and defense of the state. The IDF is one of the most modern forces in the world and one of the strongest in the Middle East with an excellent command and excellent units and has all the capabilities

### to do everything necessary," he said. (Continued on Page 2) Aguda official denies he said Reform caused Holocaust

PINCHAS Horowitz, deputy chairman of Agudat Yisrael, yesterday denied saying the Reform Movement caused the Holocaust. but a recording appeared to indicate that if he did not actually say

so, he implied it. Horowitz made the controversial remarks at a press conference on Sunday announcing a rally Agudat is to hold in Tel Aviv tomorrow to protest High Court of Justice decisions the party views as anti-reli-

When contacted yesterday, Horowitz said he had not said anything directly linking Reform and the Holocaust.

"I didn't say that. It's all lies. I only said positive things." Horowitz said yesterday, when asked about the comments attributed to him.

However, a recording of the press conference appeared to indi-cate otherwise. Horowitz first dwelt on the fact that Hitler had come to power in Germany, where -95 percent of the Jews were Reform and assimilated." Then he went on to say that the lesson was that Hitler arises where Jews are not observant.

#### HAIM SHAPIRO

destroy that which exists, the Shabbat, when you destroy Judaism, when you destroy faith in the Almighty, Hitler arises."

It was that situation, he said, which he and his colleagues did

not want to see in Israel.

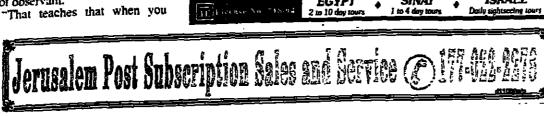
Yesterday Horowitz denied saying that Reform had caused the Holocaust, but he did say on a radio news program that Reform did not belong to Judaism. On another radio program, he said he considered Reform Jews worse than secular Jews, because the

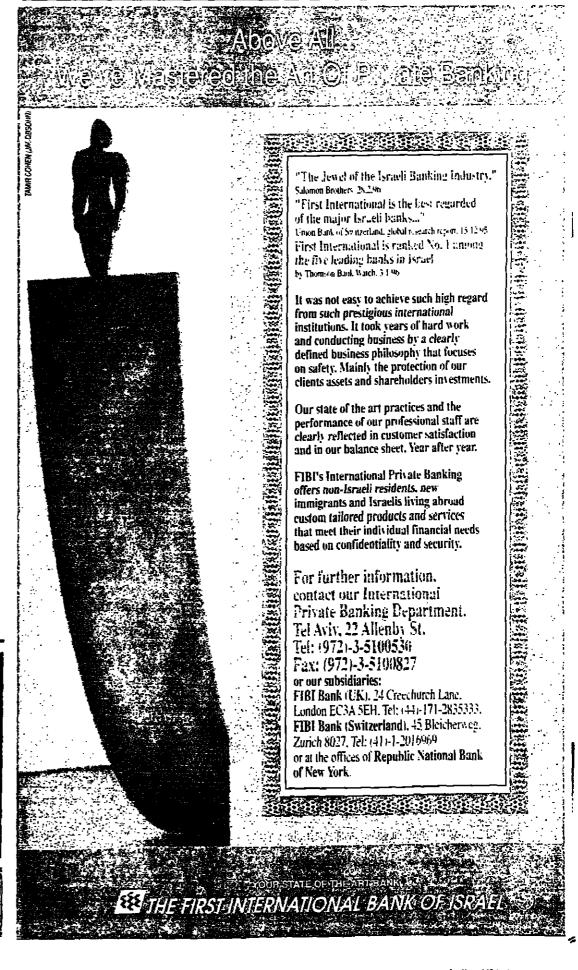
Reform had a movement and wanted to influence the public, while the secular Jew simply did not observe.

"The Reform are the ones who do everything to destroy religion," he said.

In response, Anat Galili-Blum, spokeswoman for the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center, said that the use of the Holocaust for political manipulation was sickening and not worthy of response. As for Horowitz's other comments on the Reform, she said that the movement was considering a libel suit.







history vesterday when the Israeli envoy reminded the General Assembly that the Arab-Israeli conflict began before the Six Day

On the second day of the annual UN debate of the "question of Palestine." David Peleg, the charge d'affaires at the Israeli Mission to UN, challenged what he called several Arab speakers' misrepresentation of Resolution 181.

The November 29, 1947, resolution called for a two-state solution in Mandatory Palestine. The PLO was invoking the 49-year-old resolution to gain legitimacy in its bid to get the UN to call for a Palestinian state, observers said. However, the Israeli Mission blocked efforts to include a UN endorsement for Palestinian statehood in the current resolutions.

It seemed rather late to be drawing on Resolution 181, said Abba Ehan, Israel's first envoy to the UN.

"On the other hand, it still is an unsettled question because the problem of the West Bank and Gaza is not yet decided," he added. In an unusual rebuttal of the pre-

POLICE yesterday closed the

offices in Umm el-Fahm and

Nazareth of an Islamic relief orga-

nization suspected of giving aid to

families of Hamas activists

believed to have been involved in

planning or carrying out serious

The closure of the Humanitarian

Aid Association's two offices in

Umm el-Fahm and another one in

Nazareth was carried out after an

order issued by OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram

remove any files, computer pro-

grams or documents from the

offices, but sealed the doors to

The operation, carried out by

terror attacks.

**MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK** 

vious speeches in the current debate. Peleg said yesterday: "The Palestinians misrepresent the [Arab-Israeli] conflict by suggesting that it began only in 1967 when Israel came into possession of the West Bank and Gaza following a war of self-defense. It must be remembered that the Palestinians, with the assistance of the Arab states, began an open war with Israel 19 years prior to that, in bla-tant violation of UN resolutions."

However, the question "is not who kindled the fire, but how to quench the fire," Eban said.

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO political department, told the General Assembly at the beginning of the debate that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's government had caused the Middle East pence process to fulter by ignoring the principle of "land for peace." He also said the Israeli government opposed an independent Palestinian state and the right to self-determination of

Police close Islamic relief offices

suspected of aiding Hamas

**DAVID RUDGE** 

trict's special intervention unit and

other forces, did not meet with any

cially listed as a non-profit associ-

them to provide aid to needy fam-

ilies in the territories.

planned attacks.

ation which raises funds and uses

According to the closure order,

sive assistance to families of

Hamas activists who carried out or

The body is also suspected of

and strengthening them through

Similar action was taken at the

beginning of the year against

another Islamic relief association

The relief organization is offi-

lowed today by a broader debate on the "situation in the Middle East." Together, the two debates will culminate in a series of resolutions - most of which are longstanding items that routinely are reaffirmed each year.

The resolutions would demand the complete cessation of all Israeli settlement activities, including in Jerusalem; an end to the closure on the territories; that Israel prevent illegal acts of violence by Israeli settlers; that Israel to accelerate the release of all Palestinians "arbitrarily" detained or imprisoned; and the right of Palestinian refugees to return.

Peleg, repeating what has virtually become the Israeli mantra at the UN, called on the General Assembly to refrain from adopting the resolutions, arguing that they tend to prejudge the results of the

eg said the commitment of the Israeli government and people to peace was strong. Too many Israelis and Palestinians had died in too many wars to risk another,

Shimon Peres and OC Northern

Police in that case confiscated

hundreds of documents and other

material from the office of the

association in Nazareth. The office

Command.

was also closed.



An IDF patrol passes two Palestinian boys, who are on their way home from school in Hebron yes-

## 'Time' magazine: IDF not prepared for war with Syria

THE IDF has let its stocks run dangerously low, slacked up on its vehicle maintenance to the point where most would not make it to the front, and unnamed senior officers say the army is ill-prepared to face Syria in a war, Time maga-

The reason for the closure order zine reported in this week's issue. on that occasion was also similar The report, titled "Preparing for to that issued yesterday. The asso-War, comes amid similar reports ciation was suspected of giving in the Israeli press, but is particuaid to families of Hamas terrorlarly harsh regarding the unreadiness of IDF equipment. After 14 years without fully fledged war, The High Court of Justice subsequently upheld the closure order the weekly asks if Israel is ready and rejected a petition by the assofor battle?

"The answer is, not quite," Time

ciation to reopen the offices and continue its work. The association maintained "In the last few years, because of the peace process, we took some chances. But now the possibility repeatedly that it was involved in humanitarian work giving help to orphans and needy families in the

**ARIEH O'SULLIVAN** 

mous military official as saying. According to the weekly, since August the army has been shaking off the complacency that had taken root in the military over years of relative calm. It is planning and rehearsing its response to a limited assault on the Golan Heights by Syrian commandos. It is restocking itself and vigorously training its troops, the weekly said.

At the headquarters across the Golan Heights, the "lights scarcely go out anymore as officers work through the night," Time said. The magazine writes that despite the IDF's noisy maneuvers, Israel is not convinced Syrian President Assad got the message.

officer as saying the insufficient maintenance of tanks, armored personnel carriers and jeeps made them unfit for combat. "In some places it reminds me of the way things were before the

in time of war, the magazine

writes, and the level of their

equipment is not up to standard. It

quoted a high-ranking reserve

1973 (Yom Kippur) war," the offi-cer was quoted as saying. The magazine reported the IDF

has launched a sweeping inspection program to bring things back in line. A brigade logistics officer said the situation had deteriorated in his own reserve unit.

"Before these frantic checks, 70 percent wouldn't get to their destinations. Even now, in a case of war, 50 percent won't get to the front," he was quoted as saying.

## Hoter-Yishai may be indicted for tax evasion

**EVELYN GORDON** 

THE Justice Ministry refused last night to either confirm or deny a Mabat report that the State Attorney's Office had decided to indict Bar Association chairman Dror Hoter-Yishai for tax eva-

The office has been considering indicting Hoter-Yishai for some time now. However, ministry spokeswoman Etti Eshed said that the final decision would probably be made by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair.

Ben-Yair, according to his spokesman, has not yet received Hoter-Yishai's file.

The reported decision comes a week after Hoter-Yishai outraged the legal community by sharply criticizing the Supreme Court in an interview in Yated Ne'eman. Hoter-Yishai said the court has become so involved in issues which should be beyond its purview that it is neglecting the more mundane cases which should be the backbone of its

In the interview, Hoter-Yishai also accused Ben-Yair of "digging" for something for which to indict him.

The attorney-general has been digging for a long time now for any possible charge against me, perhaps in order to oust me from my position," he said.

Earlier this year, Hoter-Yishai harshly criticized Ben-Yair's handling of the investigation and subsequent indictment of former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman. To investigate someone for suborning a witness on the basis of a fouryear-old police memorandum when the witness himself denied that the event ever took place was to run a "police state," he

Meanwhile, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel yesterday asked the Bar Association's executive committee to suspend Dror Hoter-Yishai as the association's chairman. The movement said that Hoter-Yishai's criticism of the Supreme Court made him unfit to head the association.

## Speculation Gold met Shara in London

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the eastern housing disprict of - it is suspected of providing mas-

Police did not confiscate or supporting terrorist organizations

**DOUGLAS DAVIS** 

THERE is mounting speculation in London that Dore Gold, foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, met secretly in London last week with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara.

Gold made a low-key, two-day visit to London last week for meetings with officials at the Foreign Office. Shara was visiting the British capital for talks at the Foreign Office at the same time, as was Jordan's King Hussein.

Speculation about a meeting between the senior Israeli and Syrian officials was heightened at the weekend by Shara's obtuse response to a question by Jihad Khazen, editor of the Arabic-language daily

Asked whether he had met, or planned to meet, Gold, Shara replied: "Who is Dore Gold?"

Noting that Shara certainly knew who Gold was, Khazen interpreted the reply as a form of disapproval and quoted Shara as adding: "You, who write about their lies every day, are asking me this question?

Khazen noted that he assured Shara he knew such a meeting had not taken place, but wanted to hear the answer directly from the

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#### of war is up so we have to build up West Bank and the Gaza Strip. to face that," it quoted an anony-Netanyahu policies

will lead to war,

Labor leaders warn

THE Labor Knesset faction blasted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday during a debate on diplomatic affairs and sev-

eral MKs said the situation could deteriorate to the point of war. "There has been a great deterioration in the relations between us and the Arab world. One must be careful. It could reach a point where it will be difficult to remedy the situation," Labor leader Shimon

He also called for the speedy conclusion of the Hebron negotiations, although he said he is not sure that is what is increasing the gap between Israel and the Arabs.

"It's a crisis situation. 1997 will be the decisive year in determining our relations with the Arabs. The damage is likely to be very danerous," Peres said.

MK Moshe Shahal said, "Unless there is a significant change, we are likely to find ourselves at the beginning of the year in a military confrontation with the Arab world and specifically with Syria."

MK Ori Orr said that as long as there is no progress in the negotiations, the possibility that Syria will use the military option continues

#### Reserves still make up the backbone of the IDF military machine **Palestinian** women reportedly

strip-searched

B'TSELEM released a report yesterday detailing seven recent cases in Hebron in which policewomen ordered Palestinian women to undress in their homes for a strip searches while looking for weapons. In one instance a male policeman entered a bedroom during the search, and in other cases policewomen hit women who refused to be searched.

In two cases women were compelled to strip in front of their children. In no cases were men ordered to strip, raising questions about the whole purpose of the search. Almost none of those searched were detained and few weapons were found. Judea and Samaria police spokesman Boaz Goldberg said he had not seen the report yet, but did not deny there were search-Jon Immanuel

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Two killed in collisions on Afula road

One person was killed yesterday on the road connecting Afula and Kedarim junction when two cars collided. Two others were lightly

Earlier in the day, a driver was fatally injured on the same road after he lost control of his car. One passenger was moderately injured and two were lightly injured.

MDA workers impose sanctions

As part of labor sanctions, starting today, Magen David Adom workers will return their beepers and therefore be unable to answer calls for emergencies when they are away from their workplace. The union of MDA workers said these sanctions have been announced due to the MDA management's "refusal to pay" a preparedness allotment of the type given to all other workers in the health system.

Union chief Eli Ben-Khassous said that some 250 beepers would be

returned. The sanctions, he added, have been approved by the Histadrut. The longer the union's demands go unanswered, the more sanctions will be applied, he said. The Health and Finance Ministries apparently have the power to decide whether this supplement will be paid, and not MDA management.

The union demands that agreements already approved, including the addition of medics on ambulances, be honored. MDA's recovery program has put an added burden on MDA staffers.

#### **MORDECHAI**

CONCESSIONS

(Continued from Page 1) Mordechai also related to an article which appears in the latest Time magazine in which IDF reserve officers reportedly said the army is not prepared for war and has poor equipment.

I don't know who the officers

are who spoke to Time magazine. I'm not sure that Time understood what the officers, if they are officers, [said]. In any case I know well what the IDF needs and I think it has the capability to carry out its mission. At the same time, we are short on money and are asking to have much more money to improve some areas in the IDF. We need more money in the face of threats and future threats. We're doing our best to see the overall picture and what's best to do with the resources at our dis-

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mated 5,000 prisoners but espe-

cially would like to see the release

of four women prisoners that

Israel says either killed or were

accomplices in murder. About 25

other women prisoners have

refused to be released by Israel in

The Palestinians also want

Netanyahu to set a date for further

The problem with Hebron is

The evening in memory of

Rabbi

CHAIM PEARL 7"

will take place at 8 p.m. on

redeployments in the territories.

David Harris adds:

solidarity with the four women.

He said he is asking the government to support the budget increase for the IDF to better meet

Mordechai had not yet decided

what measures to take to determine which officers spoke to the

Arieh O'Sullivan adds: Mordechai's office issued a statement denying reports that he leveled criticism at IDF intelligence officers. "He did not criticize them and actually expressed respect for the

work they were doing," Mordechai's media adviser Avi Benyahu said. "It is regretful that unofficial and untrue leaks find their way from the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee to the press.

the insistence of the Israeli gov-

emment that it would have the

right to reoccupy Hebron, when-

ever it thinks it has a security pre-

text," PA Planning and

Minister Nabil Shaath said yester-

day. "We do not want the Israelis

to violate what has been approved

in Gaza, Jericho and the rest of

the Palestinian towns. We want

Hebron to be like any other town.

Once they withdraw this becomes

an Area A. an area the Israeli

Asked if a direct meeting

between PA Chairman Yasser

Arafat and Prime Minister

army cannot reenter."

Cooperation

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This trend expresses itself in more solid and material support for the Islamic opposition to the Oslo process and in greater criticism of the Palestinian Authority in general, and its chairman. Yasser Arafat, in particular." Rekhess outlined the changes in

the Islamic Movement during a conference on the Dilemma of identity of Arabs in Israeli politics," which is being held at Tel Aviv University. The conference, which opened yesterday, was organized by the university's program on Arab politics in Israel, headed by Rekhess, in cooperation with the Adenauer Foundation.

The two-day conference, attended by leading Jewish and Arab experts, is focused on changes in the Arab sector in light of recent developments - the peace process, the Knesset elections and the establishment of a Likud-led government. Rekhess noted that criticism of

the PA, especially its policies toward Hamas in the territories, was clearly evident in editorials and articles in the Islamic Movement's media, especially the Sawr al-Haqq (Voice of Truth)

The material support was channeled through the Islamic Relief committee, which accord-



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#### CAMPS

ing to its own records gave NIS 13 million in aid to 7,000 children and 1,000 needy families in 1995," said Rekhess.

"This committee was subsequently closed down because of allegations that some of the recipients of this aid were in fact families of Hamas activists involved in terror activities, although the aid has continued in other forms. "Israeli Moslems, predominant-

ly from the radical side of the Islamic Movement, were also extremely active in raising NIS 2 million and volunteering their aid for refurbishing and renovating [Solomon's stables] on the Temple Mount - especially after the opening of the tunnel exit in Jerusalem.

The more radical element of the Islamic movement also has a slightly different attitude toward terror attacks. The pragmatists

denounce such attacks categorically, while the radicals tend to entwine their condemnation with other comments rationalizing the reasons behind such attacks."

Rekhess said he did not believe that the radical elements, led by Umm el-Fahm Mayor Sheikh Raed Salah, would go so far in their activities and public criticism as to break the law, despite the fact they were no longer constrained by the pragmatists following the split in the Islamic

Nevertheless, he expressed concern over the increased rhetoric in the more radically oriented publications of the movement and the influence this could have on the minds of some individuals and even groups.

Rhetoric does not exist in a vacuum and we have seen, unfortunately, in the past the effect this can and does have on the minds of some," Rekhess said.

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Wednesday, December 4, 1996, at the Ramot Zion (Tel. 02-670-1819/20/21 for details) prepared to avoid its failure. A Our heartfelt condolences to the family The Ten Best Jewish Children's Stories Synagogue, 68 Bar Kochba Street, French Hill, failure of a meeting like this hurts Julia Koschitzky Chair, Board of Trusteer Moshe Gur Lamia Lahoud contributed to

Binyamin Netanyahu would bring an end to the deadlock, Shaath replied, "It can only solve the problem if it is sufficiently well-

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#### Fauzia Jibran visits her four-year-old daughter Liel at Schneider Childrens Medical Center for Israel, in Petah Tikva yesterday. The child last week received a lobe from her mother's liver in a revolutionary operation.

## Police say 'modesty squad' apparently not involved in beating of haredi woman Amit: Squads employ tactics of intimidation, but rarely use violence

THE haredi "modesty squads" in Jerusalem do not use violence, and do not appear to have any connection to the beating of Dalia Batzon last week, Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Arye Amit told the Knesset State Control Committee yes-

Amit was speaking at a special session of the committee called to discuss the attack by a haredi man on Batzon, who was sheltering a haredi woman whose husband had deserted

Amit said the police have been investigating the attack on Batzon intensively, but there is so far no hint of any involvement by the modesty

Modesty squads, he continued, have been around since the 19th century, and serve as a form of internal community police force. **EVELYN GORDON** 

However, he said, the squads currently operating in Jerusalem do not, as far as he knows, use violence. They mainly concentrate on persuading straying youths to return to the fold by nonviolent means, he said.

There were two cases in the past in which the modesty squads were involved in beatings, he added, and in both cases the perpetrators were

Asked by committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) whether the haredi community cooperates with the police, Amit responded that the community engages in stonewalling and coverups on matters relating to religion and culture. However, he said, it does cooperate on purely criminal investigations. criminal investigations.

Rabbi Arye Shechter of the Jerusalem haredi community told the committee that many years ago, intimidation and beatings were common tactics of the modesty squads. Today, however, the squads confine themselves to verbal per-

Cohen demanded that the police thoroughly investigate the beating of Batzon in particular and violence within the haredi community in general. He said he had met recently with a divorced haredi woman who told him that the modesty squads followed her around, threatened her and her family, listened in on her phone calls, publicly denounced her and effectively isolated her from the community. The woman refused to testify before the committee, he said, for fear that the squads would take

## Police: Wakf plans to destroy Christian site

JERUSALEM police recently received intelligence information on plans by the Wakf, the Moslem religious authority, to demolish a Christian holy site on the Temple Mount. Police sent an urgent message to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani warning of dire consequences if this happened.

Police sources said yesterday that the threat remained. Kahalani, however, said that he was assured by Wakf Director Adnan Husseini that the site, known to Christians as "Jesus' Cradle," would not be

"There are no plans to damage the site," Kahalani said.

The minister said he warned Husseini that the state would not tolerate any harm being done to the site, which in Christian tradition is where Mary placed the 40-day-old Jesus in his cradle, and where Jesus later delivered sermons.

Kahalani said the Wakf has been allowing Christian pilgrims to go to the site, located in the newly renovated Marawani prayer area adjoining al-Aksa Mosque, and that they would continue to be permitted there.

However, police sources said Kahalani may have spoken too

soon. They said the intelligence information that was passed on to the minister by Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit still needs to be thoroughly investigated.

Kahalani yesterday updated Acting Prime Minister David Levy on the situation. The Internal Security Ministry also reissued a statement that it would not tolerate any changes to the site.

Christian-Moslem relations in Jerusalem in recent years have been shaky at times. Damage to the Temple Mount site could have serious repercussions, as well as raise questions about Israel's handling of

## Haifa, Ashdod port workers back on the job after strike

ports resumed yesterday, after employees ended a wildcat strike. They had been protesting pro-posed taxes that they said would cut salaries and pensions.

Management increased the size of work teams to reduce the backlog of cargo and container ships kept waiting for loading and unloading as a result of the strike.

The spokesman for the Haifa port said management hoped the backlog would be cleared within 24 hours. He said workers returned

to normal duties Sunday night. The strike, which began Thursday, resulted in 30 ships being tied-up at jetties at the Haifa port or anchored in the bay. Port officials said the cost of a

24-hour delay in port for a ship was \$20,000 to \$30,000, depending on the size of the vessel and its cargo. The strike erupted over plans by the Ports and Railways Authority to levy an 11 percent tax on all

income from work carried out by

The Treasury has proposed establishing a separate pension fund for the workers that would not be effected by the planned new tax.

Talks between Treasury officials, the Transport Ministry and the ports authority continued yes-

The Histadrut has pledged the proposed tax will not be implemented until the new pension fund is established. It was this promise that persuaded the port workers to

## IDF tracker unit head indicted for smuggling heroin

THE head of the IDF Arava region's trackers unit was indicted yesterday in Beersheba District Court for

smuggling a large quantity of heroin from Jordan. Maj. Farj Salam Almiatal, 45, of the el-Azzama Beduin tribe, was charged together with three Rahat residents, who are suspected of receiving the drugs from Almiatal, with the aim of transferring them to the center of the country.

According to the indictment, the four made contacts with Jordanian residents in order to carry out the transfer. Southern District police received a tip on the impending deal and, in coordination with the IDF, carried out surveillance of Almiatal's activities in the

On the night of November 6, Almiatal allegedly

received 13 kg. of heroin from Jordanian drug suppliers. The next morning, the three Rahat residents arrived in the Arava at their meeting point, an IDF shooting range near Kibbutz Yorvata. The drugs, hidden in an army water canister, were handed over to

The Rahat men then traveled north, but were stopped by police. Almiatal was arrested shortly afterward as he was driving north.

At the hearing, the prosecution asked the judge to remand the four until the end of trial, citing overvhelming evidence. However, the judge agreed to put off a hearing on

the matter for three weeks to enable the defense to

## Former Likud treasurer Health Ministry appeals sentence in appeals sentence in fund-raising scam

MENAHEM Atzmon, who served as co-treasurer of the Likud with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert in 1988, appealed to the Supreme Court vesterday against his conviction for running a fund-raising scam during the 1988 campaign.

The scam worked by giving businessmen fictitious receipts in the Health Ministry yesterday warned against advertisements for exchange for donations to the Likud. This enabled Likud to get illegal enriched eggs that it claimed were "misleading." contributions from corporations and allowed the companies to take tax deductions as if the donations were legitimate business expenses. The NIS I million raised in this fashion was then omitted from the party's report to the state comptroller, enabling the party to get NIS 2m. in campaign funding from the government.

On Sunday, the state appealed Atzmon's acquittal on some of the charges and the leniency of his sentence.

Atzmon argued that the prosecution failed to prove he knew about the scam. The Tel Aviv District Court's verdict was based largely on the belief that there was no way he could not have known, he charged, but the court did not even consider the possibility that the information was deliberately hidden from him.

Since Atzmon was not responsible for fund-raising and had nothing to do with this field, it was easy to keep him in the dark, the appeal continued. The appeal also argued that the court treated police statements made by Atzmon after the affair hit the news as if they were confessions. All of these statements, Atzmon said, were based only on information that reached him after the investigation started, and did not reflect what he knew at the time.

# casts doubt on 'healthier' egg claim

enriched eggs that it claimed were "misleading. Dr. Dorit Nitzan Kalusky, the head of the ministry's nutrition depart-

ment, said she sent a file about Beitza Plus eggs to the ministry's legal adviser to decide if action should be taken against the company. The eggs are sold by the Ramot Hashavim farm near Hod Hasharon. A few months ago, the company launched a new product - eggs laid by hens fed a diet rich in flaxseed. The eggs are purported to have a high level

of the polyunsaturated fat Omega 3 (up to 19 times as much as regular eggs) and vitamin E (twice as much), as well as 15% less cholesterol. The company's ads say, "you can now eat Beitza Plus in reasonable quantities without raising your blood cholesterol level." The ministry says Beitza Plus eggs include cholesterol and samrated fat

just like conventional eggs. "There is no proof that eating these eggs causes a general reduction in the cholesterol level," Nitzan Kalusky said. People with high levels of cholesterol in their blood should get medical advice before eating the eggs, she said. The ads are thus "misleading," she said.

Ofer Bogen, one of Beitz Plus' owners, rejected the ministry's claims.

"It is true that 15% less cholesterol is not very significant, but it is true that the Omega 3 and vitamin E help to reduce blood cholesterol levels. This has been accepted around the world."

# Jerusalem councillors approve renovations to PM's residence

A CONTROVERSIAL renovation plan for the prime minister's residence was approved yesterday by the Jerusalem Municipality's planning committee, following an unprecedented appearance before the committee

Security Service's VIP protection department. The GSS officer said that for security reasons he preferred that the committee not visit the resi-

dence for a first-hand view of

by the head of the General

**BILL HUTMAN** 

changes already carried out and those planned.

He also rejected the suggestion of councillor Yisrael Shulderman that the members be allowed to enter the garden in front of the residence, which is classified as a protected building and thus restricted in terms of renovations.

The renovation - which allows

construction of a small laundry room on the roof - was approved by a 6-2 vote. Shulderman and another opposition member voted against.

"The excuse of 'security reasons' was used to push through an unsound plan," Shulderman said. He said the committee must take into account the special security requirements of the prime minister's residence, but this need not be at the cost of damaging a his-

## Several AIDS groups boycott Knesset talks

EVERY year the Knesset marks international AIDS day, and every year MKs from haredi parties boycott it. So what was different this year? This time, the discussions in parliament were boycotted by the umbrella organization for 15 non-governmental groups dealing with AIDS and human rights.

AIDS victims."

The group, "Living with AIDS," did not Emanuel Zissman (Third Way) held a joint sesattend the committee or plenum sessions on the sion with the Labor and Social Affairs subject because, according to AIDS activist Committee, chaired by Maxim Levy (Gesher), Patrick Levy, "Every year they just talk with- on the subject. The meeting was attended by out taking real action to improve the lives of some groups and some sufferers. As in previous years, the MKs called for more information

## The Education Committee chaired by campaigns and better education. List Collins

Rachel's Tomb to remain closed on Shabbat The Religious Affairs Ministry has rejected a request by settlers and Gilo residents to open Rachel's Tomb on Shabbat so they could pray there. After consulting with the chief rabbis and the rabbi of the Holy Sites Authority, the ministry decided not to grant the request because it would result in a desecration of Shabbat.

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If the site, near Bethlehem, were opened, visitors would travel there and security guards would need to work on Shabbat, the ministry said. At present, the tomb closes on Friday afternoons and reopens on Sunday mornings.

Filmmaker donated funds for research The late American filmmaker Sam Spiegel donated \$500,000 to Israel's National Academy of Sciences to establish a new fund for promoting research into and publication of Jewish manuscripts from the Middle Ages, the academy announced yesterday. The money

was donated by the filmmaker in memory of his brother, Prof. Shalom Spiegel, who was a specialist in the field. The academy has established a project for researching poetry and piyyutim that were saved in the Geniza (storehouse of deteriorating holy manuscripts). The Spiegel fund will allow the completion of the computerization of these text.

Judy Siege Judy Siegel

Nurses conference today in Jerusalem

The prevention of venereal diseases among Ethiopian immigrant girls, cultural differences in reaction to post-surgical pain, treatment of patients undergoing a sex change, home-care for children with cancer, and the effects of the Patients' Rights Law on nursing are among the topics to be discussed at the 10th national conference of

the Israel Nurses' Association. The two-day event begins this morning in Jerusalem's International Convention Center and will be greeted by President Ezer Weizman and Health Minister Yehoshua Matza. Judy Siegel Arab councils to pitch protest tent **DAVID RUDGE** 

ISRAELI Arab council heads plan to pitch a protest tent outside the Prime Minister's Office Sunday as part of a campaign to press the government to bail-out their debtridden local authorities. The council heads also intend to

invite foreign ambassadors to the protest tent and present them with documents highlighting the plight of the councils and the problems of the Arab sector. The planned protest follows

what the council heads described as the collapse of municipal services in many Arab towns and villages because of crippling debts. They maintain that repeated

appeals to the government for urgent assistance have gone unanswered, despite a 24-hour warning strike by the Arab councils and a demonstration in Jerusalem by hundreds of municipal employ-

Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the forum of Arab Council Heads, said a recent meeting with Minister Binyamin Prime Netanyahu and talks in Shfaram last Thursday with Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav, who is also responsible for Arab affairs,

had been "very disappointing." He said the protest tent would be set up Sunday and would be manned by council heads 24hours-a-day for an indefinite period until the government agreed to

help the crippled Arab councils.
"During this period, we intend to meet with foreign ambassadors at the protest tent, beginning with those from the US, Canada, France, Egypt and Jordan. Invitations will be sent out to them this week," said Suleiman, who is also head of Mash had council near Nazareth.

Suleiman noted that the 53 Arab councils had altogether accumulated debts totalling NIS 430 million over the years, and more than half were unable to provide services to the public.

"Salaries have not been paid to municipal workers, including those in schools and kindergartens, some of them for several months. Many of the councils are unable to pay water and electricity bills," said Suleiman.

"The situation is desperate, but so far the government has shown no willingness to do anything to alleviate the situation," he said.

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## Russia attacks plans to expand NATO at security conference

attacked NATO's plans for enlargement, and Belarus came under fire at a security summit vesterday, sounding a jarring note as some 50 nations met to try and build lasting peace in Europe for the next century. Russian Prime Minister Viktor

Chernomyrdin told assembled leaders that NATO would create new fault lines on the continent if it went ahead with plans to take in countries from Eastern Europe as new members.

"Is it not clear that the appearance of new dividing lines would lead to a worsening of the whole geopolitical situation in the world?" Chemomyrdin asked the opening session of the two-day

The last summit of the 54-nation Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), two years ago in Budapest, was

MOSCOW (Reuter) - The com-

mander of Russia's land forces

faced being sack yesterday.for:

factions incompatible with his

post but the Kremlin said

President Boris Yeltsin had yet to

Gen. Vladimir Semyonov, 56,

said he was stunned by the news

He told the Izvestia newspaper he had been called in by Defense

Minister Igor Rodionov on Friday

evening and told he was being

sacked because of serious allega-

tions about unspecified "commer-

cial activities" of his wife, who

works in the Moscow office of

Rosvertol, a Russian helicopter

The Defense Ministry said

November 17 first round.

won back power through elections.

vatization of rural Moldova's land.

manufacturer.

sign the order dismissing him.

and denied any wrongdoing.

wrecked by a row on the same issue and differences over Bosnia.

The United States and NATO secretary-general Javier Solana insisted that the alliance posed no threat to anyone and that it wanted to cooperate with Russia.

NATO has been and remains a defensive alliance...It poses no threat to any other state," US Vice President Al Gore told the summit. The stability that NATO can help extend to Central Europe can help ensure the security of all

"We will continue to try and reassure the Russians, I hope we will manage to do so," Solana told

Gore later told reporters that plans for a NATO summit next ear, which would name the new countries to join the alliance, would go ahead on schedule despite Russian opposition. Czech Prime Minister Vaclav

which discredit the honor and dig-

nity of a serviceman and are

But later a Kremlin statement

said the the dismissal order had

yet to be signed, but it said Yeltsin

This is wholly unexpected,"

received any concrete and con-

vincing accusations from the

defense minister and the reasons

for my dismissal remain are

incompatible with his post."

been formalized.

Yeltsin to dismiss top

Russian general

New Moldovan president

was Kremlin insider

CHISINAU (Reuter) - Petru Lucinschi, who was once a leading com-

munist official in the Kremlin, was elected president of Moldova, after

Preliminary results yesterday gave the 56-year-old chairman of the

national parliament an eight-point win over President Mircea Snegur,

with 54 percent to 46%. Turnout was 72%, compared to 67% in the

Lucinschi, who was secretary of the Communist Party central com-

mittee in the final days of the Soviet Union, presents himself as a social

democrat in the mold of other east European ex-communists who have

Favoring good relations with Moscow, he attacked as "savage capital-

ism" Snegur's plans for faster market reforms, such as the complete pri-

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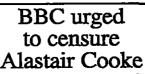
still expected to be among the first to join the alliance and added: We do not think our membership is aimed against Russia."

However, the Lisbon meeting did reach agreement on an issue of concern to Russia - adapting and extending a Cold War-era arms treaty which Moscow says no

longer reflects reality.

A new round of talks on conventional arms reductions in Europe is expected to start in Vienna in January as a result.

The crises in Belarus and Serbia also detracted from the summit's intended harmony. Western nations told Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko, accused of trying to acquire dictatorial powers, to put the former Soviet republic back on the track to democracy. A defiant Lukashenko responded by telling leaders to mind their own business.



over rape remarks LONDON (AP) - The BBC has been urged to impose stricter edi-torial controls over Alistair Cooke, its veteran commentator on American affairs, after a broadcast in which he allegedly made sexist

"agreed in principle" with it. The presidential press service Commenting on a survey that said the ministry had jumped the gun by presenting the dismissal as a fait accompli when it had not yet showed 4 percent of women in the US armed forces had been raped or suffered attempted rape, Cooke, 88, said he thought the "showed remarkable Interfax news agency quoted Semyonov as saying. "I have not restraint" and wondered aloud

why the figure was so low. The remarks came in the November 24 edition of his America," the sometimes acerbic and often witty weekly commentary he has writ-ten and recorded for BBC radio since March 1946.

BBC spokeswoman Stella Tooth said it had received "a very small number of complaints" from the public, although some BBC presenters have criticized Cooke.

beating the former Soviet republic's first post-independence leader in a Writer and broadcaster Bel flooney told The Times newspathat BBC editors must restrain Cooke. "He is a man of a certain generation and maybe that sort of remark was acceptable when he was young," she said. Today it is not, and the BBC should check what he writes."

"Alistair is an institution, but perhaps he has passed his sell-by The Times quoted an unidentified BBC présenter as

more of a facetious aside. But it should have been picked up by an editor because it could be seen as gratuitously offensive.'

The BBC defended Cooke in a statement vesterday.

"Alistair Cooke has a right to express his personal view, within the bounds of legality, on an issue currently creating a stir in America," the statement said.

"Letter from America" is not broadcast in the US, Cooke is well known in American journalism circles. From 1971 to 1993, he presented "MasterpieceTheater" on PBS.



A Moslem militant waves the victory sign as he leaves a Cairo state security court yesterday. The court sentenced five Moslem militants to death for killing civilians and policemen in the south in 1993.

## New militancy worries for India after 12 die in Punjab train blast

AMBALA, India (Reuter) - A bomb shattered a sleeper coach in an Indian train early yesterday, killing 12 passengers and injuring 37 in what police said could mark a surge in separatist violence in the volatile Punjab region.

The blast and ensuing inferno destroyed the sleeper compartment and damaged an adjoining carriage at Ambala station near Chandigarh, capital of the northern state of

There were no immediate claims of responsibility. But police said they feared the blast could be part of an escalation of violence before state assembly elections in Punjab due

Police said they believed the sophisticated

For a decade until the early 1990s, Punjab state was torn by a Sikh separatist revolt in which at least 20,000 people died.

The explosion was believed to be the dead-

liest attack on a train in the region since Sikh militants stopped a train near Ludhiana city in late 1991 and systematically slaughtered at least 53 passengers, mostly Hindus.

Police said a senior leader of a splinter group

of the regional Akali Dal party was gunned

down Sunday night.

Bachittar Singh, a former state legislator from the Akali Dal (Badal) faction, was ambushed by five gummen who opened fire on

the jeep in which he was travelling in Roper district of Punjab, about 20 km from Chandigarh, they said. The Akali Dal is the political arm of Sikhs who oppose separatist violence in Punjab state.

Separatist militancy has largely died down in Punjab, which held its last state assembly elections in 1992 under tight security and a boycott by separatist groups.

Witnesses said it took rescuers nearly half an hour to show up, and that the raging blaze in the wood and steel carriage prevented them from reaching any victims for two hours. After battling the fire, rescuers pulled 10 bodies from the charred carriage, Two injured passengers

## Flower girls lead anti-Milosevic demonstration

20,000 students led by girls carrying flowers demonstrated against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in Belgrade yesterday in defiance of a government threat to crack down on two weeks of street unrest.

Chanting protesters, blowing trumpets and waving football ratties, jeered at knots of police who watched as the march weaved through central Belgrade, gather-

ing support despite a snow storm. They teach us to think for ourselves at university, but now Slobo and his mates expect us to switch off our brains when they speak," a

philosophy student said. "Only a five year old would be fooled by The size of the turnout indicated that a warning from the socialist

government on Sunday that police were running out of patience with daily demonstrations had failed to cool dissent. Britain reflected international

dismay over Milosevic's handling

of a crisis that sprang from his rig-

ging local elections last month.

ties to respect the democratic right of peaceful demonstration without qualification," a Foreign Office statement said in London.

With no sign of the protests flagging, political sources said the government was desperately seeking a way out of the dispute that would enable it to save face. It cancelled a session of the Serbian parliament scheduled for today, when the Zajedno (Together) coalition of opposition parties was due to demand that the disputed

elections be set aside. Zajedno threatened to start a boycott of parliament if the results were allowed to stand, robbing it of victories it claimed in Belgrade

nd other cities. Although the police presence was unobtrusive again yesterday, Milosevic has mobilized large reserves of security forces in

ing Milosevic's removal in the

longest sustained challenge he has

faced in nine years of power.

The rolling protests, attracting up to 100,000 people, are demand-

BELGRADE (Reuter) - Some "We call on the Serbian authori- Clinton 'thrilled' by reports of Yeltsin recovery WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US President Bill Clinton said yesterday he was "thrilled" by reports of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's recovery from heart surgery last month.

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"We're all thrilled at the reports we get of President Yeltsin's excellent recovery from his surgery," Clinton said at an event honouring US astronaut Shannon Lucid, who spent more than six months on the Russian space station Mir.

Yeltsin, 65, underwent quintuple heart bypass surgery on November 5.

**Doctors hopeful Mother Teresa will recover** CALCUTTA (Reuter) - Mother Teresa said her prayers and ate lunch sitting in a chair yesterday, and doctors said they were optimistic the 86-year-old nun would recover from her third heart

surgery in five years.
"She is stable and we are very optimistic about her recovery," US doctor Patricia Aubanel, a member of the medical team treating the Roman Catholic missionary, told reporters at Calcutta's B.M. Birla Heart Research Center.

Mother Teresa, considered by many a living saint for her devotion to the poor, destitute and dying, had surgery on Friday to clear two blocked coronary arteries. She is also suffering kidney and lung problems, as well as pneumonia.

Keep your lazy cow happy — on a waterbed AMSTERDAM (Reuter) — A Dutch rubber factory has begun producing waterbeds for cows — and its first clients are crazy about the product, the daily De Volkskrant said yesterday. About 180 of the luxury bovine mattresses have been delivered to a farmer in England whose herd has taken to them so well that

another 100 are on order. The cows were initially wary of the tough, water-filled rubber mats, which can be filled with hot water for extra pampering but, having tried them once, they did not want to get off, the daily

quoted the farmer as saying. He was not named. It is good for a cow to lie comfortably. Then she will produce more milk," a salesman at the Dunlop-Enerka factory in Drachten said. "Cows can be compared to top athletes: under the best circumstances they will give their greatest performances."

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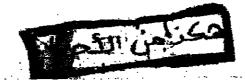
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As Bible-believing Christians numbering more that 50 million in the United States of America, we support Jerusalem as the ancient and eternal capital of the Jewish people, promised by G-d Almighty to King David, Jerusalem D.C., David's Capital. We consider this support to be a Biblical mandate. We do not believe the people of Israel must negotiate over that which G-d Almighty has proclaimed as the Eternal City of David and Capital of the Nation of Israel according to the Bible.

Furthermore, we believe that this right has been hallowed by history, by sacrifice, by prayer, and by the yearning for peace. For Biblical, historical, humanitarian and legal reasons, we believe that Jerusalem is non-negotiable. Enough is enough! Our opinion was not considered when you were pressured to rip Jericho out of the Bible. Should we apologize to Moses and Joshua?

erusalem has been leveled to the ground five times and changed hands twenty-six times throughout history, as nations have descrated your beloved city, turning it into a city of destruction.

## We support Jerusalem D.C., (David's Capital), not Jerusalem C.D., (the citadel of destruction).

There is no possibility that Bible-believing Christians can support a divided Jerusalem. Yassir Arafat is wrong about East Jerusalem in wanting to claim it as the capital of his Palestinian state. His statement in saying that East Jerusalem. "is part of the land that has been occupied since 1967," is incorrect.

History records that East Jerusalem has been occupied from 597 B.C. to 1967, as nation after nation has attempted to take East and West Jerusalem from the Jewish people.

America has invested hundreds of billions of dollars since 1973, purchasing Arab oil. It is our prayer that Mr. Arafat and his Arab colleagues would invest a portion of our billions in improving the human rights of the Palestinian people, and that he would do for them what the Jewish people have done for Jerusalem and the land of Israel, that was reborn in '48 through hard work and sacrifice, draining the swamps and planting trees on the barren hills, rebuilding the Bible land in fulfillment of prophecy. It belongs to the Jewish people, and, more importantly, the title deed belongs to G-d Almighty. We pray that Mr. Arafat will proceed with the peace process and not return to terrorism. The vast majority of Christians have stopped visiting Bethlehem and Jericho because of gun-waving terrorists roaming the streets, having no respect for human rights.

If Jerusalem, G-d forbid, was divided, and East Jerusalem was given to Arafat, then it would be a citadel of destruction and we believe all of our Christian holy sites would be ultimately desecrated. Our prayer is that Jerusalem, Israel's eternal Capital, will be respected as such and that there will be no more weeping prophets because of land being traded for peace; a peace that still has not arrived.

Surely the prophet Amos is rejoicing because of the courageous stand the people of Israel are making concerning your beloved city, Jerusalem and your security. THERE IS A G-D." 'And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled out of their land which I have given them,' says the Lord thy G-d."

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TISTORY often seems to

For the first 25 years (1948-73) of the Egyptian-Israeli relation-

ship the tragedy of irrationality and war dominated.

brought a brief moment of dignity

and reason to links between Cairo

and Jerusalem, but it was shat-

tered with Sadat's assassination.

Since then Hosni Mubarak and his

ministers have presided over an

increasingly "cold peace," dis-playing little of Sadat's statesman-

Recent events, culminating in

Azzam, employed in the textile

industry and in Egypt on business.

disappeared just before the start of

the Cairo conference. A few days

later the Egyptian government

announced that he had been

Egyptian newspapers had a field

day. Instead of focusing on the

cooperation, the conference too

was held captive by the Egyptian

What better way to sink the cold

peace into the deep freeze than to

kidnap an Israeli Druse (highlight-

ing the vulnerability of Israeli Arabs

who cooperate with the Jewish state)

For the Egyptian press this is the

story of the year. Although Azzam

had not been formally charged a

few days ago, ?? the Cairo daily

Al-Arabi ran a story alleging to

have uncovered the details of the

"Mossad officer's" escapades.

The goal of the affair is made

"The story is bigger than a pass-

ing espionage incident. The trial

will put the entire process of nor-

malization of ties in dry dock,

especially as the mottoes of nor-

malization are the same as the

mottoes of spying; innocent travel

to Israel, sexual temptations lying

in wait, industrial companies act-

ing as fronts for Israeli Mossad

Almost two decades after Sadat

came to make peace this is the

operations in Cairo."

clear from the beginning.

at this crucial point in relations?

arrested on spying charges.

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Sadat's 1977 peace initiative

oscillate between tragedy and farce. A case in point

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Misplaced Egyptian fears

GYPTIAN Foreign Minister Amr Moussa yesterday denied reports that Egypt was urging Palestinian Authority head Yasser East" in which the countries Arafat to hold up the Hebron deal. On Sunday, Egypt failed to back a Syrian bid at the Arab League meeting in Cairo to freeze normalization with Israel. The limits of Egypt's belligerent stance toward Israel may have been reached for the moment. The fundamental problem of Egypt's role in the peace process, however, will remain until Egypt chooses another leadership model for itself.

Egypt sees itself as the leader of the Arab world. Almost 30 years ago Gamel Abdel Nasser led the Arab world to the precipice of war with Israel, prompting Israel's preemptive strike and the Six Day War. Six years later Egypt played a pivotal role in surprising Israel in the Yom Kippur War. A few years later, Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to make peace with Israel.

Egypt received the entire Sinai peninsula in exchange for peace, but paid dearly in terms of its isolation within the Arab world. Sadat paid with his life. The Egyptian-Israeli peace survived Sadat's assassination, but the already cool peace became colder over time.

Today, Egypt is experiencing a Nasserist revival. A film extolling Nasser's nationalization of the Suez Canal in 1956 took the country by storm this summer. Egyptians seem to be yearning for Nasser's brand of strong leadership, and his willingness to thumb his nose at

Islamic fundamentalism, despite the government's harsh measures to control it, remains a strong force opposed to Westernization in general, and especially to peace with Israel.

The current hardening of Egyptian attitudes toward Israel is not, therefore, simply a function of antipathy toward Israel's new government. Rather, the Netanyahu government has become a convenient cover for the steady worsening of relations over the past few years.

control talks by insisting on nuclear inspection regimes unacceptable to Israel. Previous Israeli governments were fully familiar with Egypt's propensity to play the spoiler in numerous international forums, and to refuse to act as a moderating element with the Palestinians.

But so long as Israeli-Palestinian relations were moving smoothly, the long-term trend of worsening Israeli relations with Egypt seemed to be kept in check. Unfortunately, this proved illusory as Egypt grew dissatisfied with the international recognition Israel gained as a

Sir, - I doubt that even Ephraim

Kishon could have thought up

such a madcap and absurd idea as

the recent decision by the Israel

Defense Forces to take away from

women soldiers their tear-gas can-

isters in order to protect the ozone

layer. Until today, most of us

believed the IDF was exempt from

such "politically correct" non-

Israel's stringent gun-control

laws already put women - and

especially young women soldiers
- at risk of attack. Na'amat recent-

ly called for lifting gun control for

these at-risk women. In place of

guns, they have been provided

with tear-gas canisters to fend off

attackers, muggers and rapists, of

which Israel has no shortage.

Mace would be better, but that is

Sir, - There is hardly a casino in

any country of the world which

Israelis can visit where there are

no Israelis playing. Some of them

even wear kippot. Yet, in Israel,

casinos are not permitted. The

prime reason for not establishing

casinos here is the formal opposi-

tion of the religious institutions

which object to gambling between ?

people, but strangely enough do

not object to the various kinds of

The income casinos generate for

governments and municipalities

where they are located is consider-

able. The outflow of capital from

Israel as a result of Israelis travel-

ing abroad to gamble is also great.

The cost of police activity to con-

trol and close illegal casinos in

Israel is also substantial. The addi-

'lotto" games.

**MADNESS** 

US mailmen.

Shimon Peres's dream of a "New Middle East" in which the countries of the region would become integrated was a nightmare to the Egyptians. As much as it may seem absurd to Israelis who a short time ago could not visit a single country on their border, Egypt was becoming concerned that Israel could become the new leader of the Middle East.

Egyptian fears mounted with Israel's behavior at the first regional economic conference in 1994 in Casablanca. The conference was flooded with hundreds of Israelis bearing ambitious plans for multi-billion dollar regional products all - in Egyptian eyes - centered on Israel.

Two years later when the conference came to their own turf, the Egyptians took pains to keep the Israeli role down to size. Israel was just one of 80 nations attending - neither the star nor the curiosity of the show.

Evidently, the Netanyahu government's change of direction gave the Egyptians just the excuse they were looking for to pump the brakes of the peace train. Rather than be eclipsed by resurgent Israel, Egypt can settle into the familiar role of spoiler, while enjoying the attention that spoilers receive to coax the parties into a more constructive stance.

The message Egypt has been sending through its actions is: We want peace, but not at the expense of our leadership role in the region. The question is, why should a nation of 60 million people, with a rich history and great potential, feel threatened by the economic success of a small country like Israel? Egypt's current role in the peace process is closer to Syria's rejectionism or Nasser's anti-Westernism than it is to Sadat's courageous and pioneering path. While being the spoiler may bring some immediate attention and placate some internal opponents, the benefits of real leadership could ultimately be much greater.

Peace, and the economic cooperation and prosperity that it can bring, are at least as nec-After all, it was under the Rabin administra- essary to Egypt-as they are to Israel. Peace on that peace on paper alone cannot. Even invisible forms of cooperation, such as linking the electricity grids of countries in the region, can save hundreds of millions of dollars.

Saber rattling does not a real leader make. Real leadership consists of the quiet building of bridges, and occasional bold initiatives, as Sadat showed. In the years after Sadat made peace with Israel, Egypt hoped another Arab nation would follow suit. The tragic irony of the situation now is that Egypt seems more afraid of peace than conflict.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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also not be negligible.

#### **PRAY FOR JERUSALEM**

Sir, - What a brilliant assessment of "The (next) struggle for Jerusalem" (November 8) Barry Rubin has given - such a clear setting out of the options and possi-

the streets of Zion because some It is no surprise at all to me, as an Green fanatics have decided that evangelical Christian who believes the tear gas in the canisters hurts that the Tanach is the irrefutable the ozone layer. word of God, that he concludes How come there is never a femthat Jerusalem will be an immovable object blocking the road to inist around when you need one? How come the Israeli militant peace, since that is exactly what feminist posse has nothing to say the prophet Zechariah said God

about this? Maybe it is because said she would be. (Zech. 12:3). Not only that, God said that "all they are so busy running about promoting affirmative action prefwho try to move her will injure themselves." Maybe Mr. Arafat erences and quotas and other PC should heed the warning, not from men's lips, be they politician or STEVEN PLAUT religious leader, but from the mouth of Almighty God, and spare

himself unnecessary injury. Jerusalem is God's eternal dwelling place and simply cannot and must not be negotiable. The Christian world must join with Jewry in praying for the Peace of Jerusalem, but not at the expense of giving her away to Islam (under

Sandhurst, Berkshire.

#### THE CASE OF

Sir, - That Haim Dayan, deputy Knesset Speaker, has beaten his wife Rahel is one thing. But after having learned from his mother-inlaw through The Jerusalem Post that he has also left his wife with no money for their four children and has tried to disconnect the home telephone, I can only ask him to immediately give up his Knesset seat. If he has no feelings for his own family, how can he have any feelings and interest for the population he has been chosen to serve?

By staying on as a Knesset member, he is harming the reputation of the Knesset, the political party which has shown him confidence and the religious part of the population.

FRANCES FREY

whatever guise). Revd. NEIL CORNELL

The reduction of our government's budget deficit is also cer-HAIM DAYAN tain if casinos were to be allowed. So where is the logic of not permitting the establishment of casi-

CARING CITTZEN (Name and address supplied.) Jerusalem.

#### **PUPPIES**

THE CASE FOR CASINOS

exist

Sir. - Following my letter that was printed on November 15, "Abandoned Puppies." I want to report with gratitude that the story has a happy ending. The puppies had the luck to be placed in a loving home on Moshav Aseret near

What deserves to be mentioned here is the tremendous public concern that resulted from the

advertisement your newspaper carried for a number of days. This saga from beginning to end underscored the plight of abandoned animals, how defenseless they are, and how a community took responsibility for their well-

BENT SCHALIMTZEK Ra'anana.

THE recent exposure, in The Jerusalem Post Magazine, by journalists Steve Leibowitz and Robert Samer of the results of New York detective Steve Rambam's efforts to interview dozens of the Nazi war criminals living in Canada no doubt shocked many.
Using the pretext of a research

project for a nonexistent university, Rambam succeeded in speaking to 60 individuals alleged by the Simon Wiesenthal Center to have committed serious crimes during World War II. Several openly admitted to having murdered Jews. (Many others "only" admitted to having served in Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian and Latvian death squads.)

The idea that dozens, if not hundreds, of the perpetrators of the Holocaust are living in apparent tranquility in Canada is revolting. The fact that some felt secure enough to admit participating in the murder of Jews says a lot about Canada's largely unsuccessful efforts to bring those involved in the mass murder of Jews to justice.

To those of us actively involved in tracking down and prosecuting escaped Nazi war criminals over the past two decades Leibowitz and Samer's revelations were hardly surprising. The existence of numerous Nazi war criminals in Canada has been common knowledge for some time. The Wiesenthal Center has over the past decade submitted the names of literally hundreds of Nazi collaborators, including those mentioned by the journalists in their article, to the Canadian government along with the demand that they be prosecuted.

#### wily Egyptians. The papers feature frequent sto-ries linking Israel and sex (a few

From tragedy to farce

GERALD M. STEINBERG

dominant Egyptian view of Israel and normalization.

THESE themes aren't unique to

the Azzam case, but are the daily

offering of the Egyptian media.

Egyptian state-owned TV runs spy

melodramas featuring stereotyped

Israelis corrupting innocent but

Or is it the other way around? Once Egypt's cold peace becomes cold war the downward slide will grow steeper

months ago, the Cairo papers of Seventeen years after Israel accused Israel of placing aphroreumed all of the Sinai to Egypt distacs in Egyptian candy, and Israel is always blamed for AIDS). Here is the book for this story, and the element that turns it into

soap opera.

According to the Egyptian script, it seems Azzam recruited Imad Ismail, a young Egyptian, who was given a ticket to meet with his Mossad handlers in Israel. On the El Al plane, the readers are told, Imad "was pleased to see several young Israeli women waving to him and believed that Israel's daughters were attracted by his dark eyes .... Gripped by the flame of love and sex, the youth entered the Israeli Mossad through its widest doors."

We are now at the level of pure farce - James Bond and The Simpsons in the Holy Land. Next we are told about the missions supposedly assigned to Azzam and Imad (dubbed the

"Cairo network"). In addition to the usual military and civilian information-gathering assignments (military maneuvers, production centers, roads) this superspy network is given one

build a nuclear reactor with assistance from US engineers. The Egyptians have been obsessed with the Israeli reactor at

additional job - obtaining infor-

mation on Egyptian efforts to

Dimona for the past few years. Although Egypt signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in 1980 it has apparently never given up on obtaining a nuclear weapon.

This effort to link an alleged Israeli spy ring to stories about an Egyptian reactor (which, if it were indeed being built secretly would violate the NPT and subject Egypt to international sanctions) is a result of this obsession.

Finally Hamadah Imam, proud author of the article, gives us a clear indication of the true state of the cold peace.

It seems that when young Mr. Imad was finally able to break away from his Israeli lovers and Mossad training he was interrogated upon his return to Egypt, "as is usual for anyone who has traveled to Israel.'

for peace all Egyptians who dare to travel to Israel are subject to police harassment and must account for their activities. This is what Egypt calls "normalization

After farce, the cycle starts again, with more tragedy. The cold peace may already be giving way to a cold war, after which it will be difficult to prevent further disintegration of the process.

More than any other Arab state Egypt has suffered heavily from the history of violence and warfare since 1948.

By releasing Azzam Azzam and acknowledging his innocence (an apology would be too much to expect) the Egyptian government, which also has a number of more thoughtful individuals who understand the terrible price of continued conflict, could stop the transition from farce to tragedy.

The writer is a professor in political studies and senior researcher at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, Bar-

### Ilan University Haven for Hitler's henchmen

**EFRAIM ZUROFF** Canada's abject failure to prosecute these Nazis is also no secret. Of five prosecution attempts mounted during the past decade by the Canadian authorities, none

has been successful. That is why the Canadians recently changed their tactics. Instead of trying to convict these Nazi criminals for war crimes they

Where is Israel's response to the 'discovery' of new Nazi war criminals in Canada?

are now seeking to deport them for immigration violations, a tactic that has proven extremely successful in the US, where more than 50 Nazi war criminals have been stripped of their citizenship, and more than 40 have left the country.

THE importance of Rambam's project is not, therefore, the "discovery" of new Nazi war criminals. What Rambam did was obtain incriminating evidence against known Nazis by using very imaginative tech-

ques never before utilized. It isn't clear to what extent this material can be used in court. But even so it is very important because it highlights two extremely critical

One is the culpability of the criminals who came to Canada, which, given the government's abysmal prosecution record, might well have been cast into doubt.

The second is the almost total sense of security evinced by these criminals, a sad commentary on Canadian efforts to deny Hitler's henchmen a haven in their country.

By focusing public attention on this doleful situation Rambam's findings will hopefully lead to increased efforts by the Canadian government, which, under Justice Minister Alan Rock, has proven more energetic of late but still could benefit from this timely reminder of the need for urgent action.

In Israel there has been a total lack of local response to Rambam's project. Contrary to what one might expect, it was apparently perceived as a human interest story rather than one with profound moral and

Jewish significance. To date not a single Israeli political leader has even referred to it, let alone taken concrete steps to press the Canadian government to take action or to suggest that Israel play a more active role in prosecuting perpetrators of the Holocaust.

In view of the enormous efforts being presently invested in retrieving stolen Jewish property one would expect more active Israeli involvement in the attempt to punish those responsible for killing Jews. Is it any wonder the Canadians have done so little to bring these murderers to justice?

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**GWYNNE DYER** 

ONDON has just been crowned the capital of cool Aby Newsweek. Britpop rules the airwaves and British fashion rules the catwalks of Europe. Maybe the Second Coming is nigh - of Prime Minister John Major, now making feeble attempts to collect some credit for the recent upswing in mood. Some Conservatives are even beginning to daydream of surviving next spring's election.

But the real story of Britain in the mid-90s lies in three numbers: Eight, 42 and 48.

Forty-eight is the maximum number of hours European wage-earners will be allowed to work a week under new European Union legislation. And Major has mounted the barricades to save Britain from this creeping conti-

The EU directive isn't exactly a jackboot crushing Britons' sacred rights. It merely limits the average number of weekly work hours by a firm's employees; individuals may work as long as they want.

But it comes from Brussels, capital of the EU and, in the eyes of many Conservative members of parliament, the residence of the devil himself.

John Major is a greyly reasonable man and it is unlikely that he has nightmares about being gangraped by the European Commission. But many members of his party inhabit exactly that son of fantasy world and Major's majority in parliament is so slender that he must continually placate

That often requires pretending to be as xenophobically narrowminded as they are - so off he trundles again, waving his plastic sword, threatening to paralyze debate at the EU summit in Dublin this month unless Europe makes Britain an exception to its rules. Pathetic.

And that just about sums up the mood of the governing party at the fag-end of 17 years of Conservative rule. They know they have passed their sellby date, so the anti-European ultranationalists on the back-benches feel free to That sense of a countdown to the end of Tory rule has also

#### The real story of Britain in the mid-'90s lies in three numbers

warped the behavior of the Labor Party.

Its politicians are so breathless with the anticipation of power that they dare not say anything too concrete for fear of breaking the spell. Instead, they count on the disillusion of a population grown tired of Tory faces to do their work for them and talk about peripheral issues.

WHICH brings us to the second significant digit.

Eight is the time British children should go to bed. Or maybe not, but there must be a nationwide debate about it says Jack Straw, shadow home secretary for the Labor Party.

I am not making this up. Straw launched a Labor debate on family life last month by announcing that "there should be much more public discussion about issues like the time children go to bed."

This is a party that would rather not talk about its real policy differences with the Conservatives (to the extent that it has any). because it believes it can just

keep mum and cruise into power. It's probably right, too: the last opinion poll showed Labor leading the Tories by 50 percent to 33 percent of the vote.

What all this really means is that Britain, always a basically sensible place, has just lost interest in politics. There's no empire. no Cold War, the country is reasonably prosperous, and its rock stars still throw better tantrums than their rivals.

So by all means throw the old rascals out and give the other lot a turn, but beyond that don't bother us with politics.

Which brings us to the third and most important number: 42. It's about

Life, the Universe ~ Everything. Using new methods astronomers at Cambridge University have calculated a precise figure for the "Hubble Constant," a fundamental value that measures how fast the universe is expanding and how old it is. Yes, it's 42.

This news hit the front pages in several British newspapers. crowding the politicians aside. Which is actually a good sign. for the British are at their best when they're being frivolous, if not downright silly.

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# Odessa files: Babel on the stage

HELEN KAYE

BENYA Krik, says Igor Mirkorbanov, is a charming racketeer. "Unless the 50,000 roubles is

left under the gate at 17 Sofivska Street," Benya writes to a merchant reluctant to pay his protection dues. "your family life might experience a most unfortunate upheaval.'

Mirkorbanov plays Benya with a rose in his lapel, a gun in his socks, and a little smile under his mustache. The story of how Benzion (Benya) Krik gets to be king is loosely at the heart of City - Tales from Odessa, which pre-viewed last night at the Gesher Theater in Old Jaffa.

The stories were translated by Mark Iwanir and Nili Mirski, and adapted by director Yevgeny Arye from Isaac Babel's Tales of the

Designer Sasha Lisiansky has created a set of grilles, moving platforms and huge suns as the background for the other characters that move through the play's six tales characters like Benya's ally, Froim Grach (Yevgeny Gamburg), old Arye Loeb (Boris Ahanov) and the photographer (Dror Keren) who is the personification for Babel's narrative voice.

Babel (1894-1941) came from Odessa, (as does director Arye), a cosmopolitan port city and a mecca for late-19th-century Jewish literary and cultural life. "The city entranced him," says Gesher literary manager Miriam Yahil-Wax, and the stories he wrote of, its Runyonesque underworld characters were "colorful and full of a wild humor. There was nothing like it in Russia."

Mirkorbanov was born in Siberia, studied theater and music there, and then ended up in Moscow where he studied and acted under Yevgeny Arye at the Mayakovsky Theater.

He's an intuitive actor, but it sometimes takes him a while to latch on to the character he's playing. His first local role was the Player King in Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead, a swashbuckling characterization that contrasted sharply with the defeated haunted Adam Stein in Adam Resurrected or the saturnine Roghozin of The Idiot.

But the Benya of City is an epic hero who goes through life with a little hidden grin, and that's how I try to play him. On the other side, there's the gun and his gorillas. He's really two people." Mirkorbanov says in fluent

When he arrived from Moscow four years ago, the 36-year-old daughter came to visit and the two



Igor Mirkorbanov is Benya Krik in the Gesher's adaptation of Isaac Babel's 'Tales of the City.' I so note that to the beneath and ending allocing to least a be so so to the

Now he's settled in.

He's not been back to Russia,

brs voney together. but this summer his 13-year-old call myself an Israeli, because I'm could have done that somewhere still learning about this country, else." he says. There's a special actor spoke through an interpreter. had a marvelous time touring the but I think that I've matured. I get atmosphere here."

on better with people and with Even so "I'm still a bit scared to myself and I'm not sure that I

## Biondi's contrasts enliven Locatelli

TRONGLY emphasized contrasts, from a barely audible pianissimo, at the beginning of Locatelli's Lament of Arianna, to forcefully resounding sonorities achieved tremendous vitality in the Europa Galante ensembles program of Baroque music, conducted by Fabio Biondi, in the "Authentica" series. Dramatic increases and decreases of volume, spiced by strong accentuations, further intensified the sense of excite-

Impetuous energies, alternations with extremely refined, multicolored nuances of sound, and a fabulous tone awoke the well-known works by Corelli, Vivaldi and Geminiani to new life and immediacy. However, all this was achieved, occasionally, at the expense of elegance - also a salient feature of the Baroque, conspicu-

hen a film director pre-sents a big, wide screen, it's usually full of

action. An exhibition of German

filmmaker Wim Wenders' photog-

raphy organized by the Goethe

Institute and shown at the Hebrew

University is bold enough to take

Wenders, whose films include

Paris. Texas and Wings of Desire, has never been afraid to show

vast, flat landscapes and static

scenes. They illustrate his theme

of characters isolated within a

meaningless world, seeking their

true selves in the inevitable isola-

These photographs are of

Australia, and that country's enor-

mity provides Wenders with a per-

fect site to examine the recurring

isolation of his movies. In the

book accompanying the exhibit,

he writes: "I am this landscape

reaching as far as the eye can

Wenders' richly-colored photos

are drawn from two trips to

Australia. Most of them were

taken not in the cities but in the

He hauled his heavy Japanese

panoramic camera with his leg-

endary naive enthusiasm through

113-degree heat until it was too

scorched, red outback.

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tion of their dreams.

#### CONCERT ROUNDUP

MATT REES

Jerusalem Theater, Nov. 23 Ury Eppstein

NO FEWER than four first Israeli performances, all of the Israel Camerata's Concert No. 2, conducted by Avner Biron, are likely to tickle one's curiosity. Surprisingly, there still seems to exist works by Schubert which have not yet been performed locally - his Polonaise and his Concert Piece for Violin and Orchestra. The pieces turned out to be agreeable trifles. The Konzertstuck posed some challenges which soloist Yuri Gluchovsky answered with a clear, well-polished sound.

The Armenian-American Alan Hovhaness was represented by Alleluia and Fugus (1941), one of his earlier works. It calls to mind

whale surfacing," Wenders says) and the barren void of the Western

These are photos that any tourist

willing to venture away from the

coastline could have taken.

Wenders' real talents are evident

when he succeeds in making a.

simple landscape somehow repre-

sentative of the continent's whole

Railroad stations, farminouses

being - and of his own.

Australia plains.

the local musical color prevailing in Israeli works of the same period, when composers here were still obsessed by a similar kind of Middle Eastern musical idiom.

The Finnish Einojuhani Rautavaara's Pelimannit-Fiddlers (1952) was another first in Israel. He indulges mostly in the simultaneous, and therefore dissonant, juxtapositions of contrasts, creating a sense of deliberate, contrived orig-

The opening Allegro of Schubert's Symphony No. 5 proceeded at presto-like speed. And there was not much singing in the Lied-like, supposedly slow movement. Balance was happily restored in the final two movements. Jerusalem Theater, November 24

and inviting thoughts of who might be inside. Wenders' project here is to turn

upside down all our ways of look-

He photographs vast empinesses, but he is full of seeing and

feeling. The land "Down Under"

is not really beneath everything or

truly empty, but rather it's cut free

of all the limits and preconcep-

To understand that is to know

tions of Europe.

THE KELLER Quartet (from Hungary) and Arad's clarinetist Hen Halevi initiated a new chamber music series in Beersheba, sponsored by the Sinfonietta. Refined uniformity of style, and immaculate preparation characterizes the Keller Quartet.

Yet for all its studied elegance, Mozart's Quartet, K. 421, was rhythmically stolid and wanting in

Brahms autumnal Clarinet Quintet had a bigger sound. Young Halevi added some notable, long, beautiful sculpted phrases in the slow movement.

In Dvorak's "American" Quartet, the Magyar musicians found emotive impulse as well as structural clarity to produce a really exciting

Beersheba Conservatory, Nov-

the plains beyond, and titles the photo "On Top of the World."

Wim Wenders' photos are at the department of photography in the Blanche and Romie Shapiro Exhibition Hall at the Bezalel

Academy of Arts and Design on

the Mount Scopus campus of

Hebrew University. The exhibit

opens today and runs until December 19. Sunday-Thursday 9

a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wim Wenders exhibit 'on top of the world'

all have international careers, and we're experienced. It's good for the opera. And, doing Hoffman,

Oasis inspired by

'60s & '70s

HESE two lavish boxed sets of singles, B-sides. outtakes and live tracks from Oasis's first two albums prove that while they may not compare to The Beatles, they are about the finest heirs to the

British rock & roll tradition. Simply, no other bands come close to encompassing the melod-icism of '60s British Invasion, the swagger of The Who and The Kinks, the flair of 1970s glam rock and the crunch of roaring guitar punk.

Singles OASIS

(NMC)

While Oasis lavishly borrows from each of these categories, its talent lies in the ability to meld them together into crisp, unfor-

gettable pop.
Smashing Pumpkins leader
Billy Corgan was only slightly
exaggerating when he said
recently at the European MTV Awards that Noel Gallagher is the best rock singer-writer since Lennon & McCartney.

From the famous anthem-like singles like "Live Forever" and "Supersonic," through the delicate acoustic demos and spirited live cuts (including a definitive raucous version of Slade's "Cum On Feel the Noize"), the extremely high standards the band shoots for are rarely missed. Majestic and shimmering, Oasis has almost single-handedly returned real excitement to British rock & roll.

Also included in the package hear but impossible to ignore.

DAVID BRINN

are two interview CDs to remind us how obnoxious Gallagher and mates really are.

> Kuschelrock 10 COMPILATION

(NMC)
THIS COLLECTION of easy-listening love songs from the '70s to the '90s is supposedly the bestselling collection ever in Europe. I don't know why.

The usual suspects, like Celine Dion. Whitney Houston and Michael Bolton, are joined by everyone from the two Michaels (Jackson and George), Meat Loaf and Simon and Garfunkel in a mish-mash of styles and themes (excuse me, but "The Boxer" is not a love song).

I found it worthwhile for the bewitching duet between Nick Cave and Kylie Minogue on "Where the Wild Roses Grow". but I wouldn't justify buying this specially-priced double CD set for one song.

> Pre-Millenium Tension TRICKY (Helicon)

THIS IS a disturbing, scary record that lulls you in and takes your senses prisoner. Loosely affiliated with the seminal hiphop group Massive Attack, Tricky creates discordant, abrasive sounds that are difficult to

For lack of a better term, his trip hop leads the listener down into a murky netherworld that is

claustrophobic, yet mesmerizing.

Pre-Millenium Tension is the 90s social equivalent of two harrowing masterpieces of the 70s. Sly Stone's There's A Riot Going On and Marvin Gaye's What's Going On.

Tricky can't touch those two legends in a classically musical sense, but he's creating his own type of music here, one that perhaps has never been heard before. It's an aural equivalent of a stroll through a crack neighborhood. Tricky will be appearing at Hangar II in Tel Aviv on December 11. (A feature on him will appear in the Time Out section of this Friday's Jerusalem

People of the Song Acoustic Kitchen
TRACTOR'S REVENGE

(LA-4)
THIS HIGHLY professional and enjoyable acoustic set from Tractor's Revenge stresses musicianship and jamming much more than most Israeli rock.

However, they also offer strong songs from which to expand into their forays. With jazz-inflected instrumental passages and song structures, the music is consistently inventive yet accessible.

Recorded live before a studio audience, the band is spirited and most importantly, it sounds like

## Israelis bring family feeling to NIO's 'Tales of Hoffman'

It's Hebrew slang (via Arabic) for marvelous, fantastic and a whale of a good time. This particular variety is what the Israeli stars of the New Israeli Opera revival of Tales of Hoffman are having during their

Israeli stars? Yes, and it's the first time that the principal singers for a production are almost all, Israeli. Altogether there are 10 Israelis involved with the production, which opens at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center on December 6.

"It's fun to chat about everyday things with members of the cast in your own language," says mezzo soprano Hadar Halevi. "It makes a connection between art and reality. Usually when you go [to perform) in some opera house, you live in a sort of bubble."

This is the fourth revival of Offenbach's popular opera which tells the story of Hoffman's unsuccessful romance with a doll (Olimpia), a doomed singer (Antonia) and a diamond-hearted call girl (Giulietta).

In a previous production Halevi sang Giulietta. This time around she's making her debut as Hoffman's buddy (and muse). Niklausse. Also, soprano Susanna Poretsky is doing her first Giulietta, tenor Gabi Sadeh is singing Hoffman for the first time, and soprano Michal Shamir is adding Antonia to her list of "consumptive heroines that die," she says, a bit tongue-in-cheek. Shamir says that "the NIO is very good about asking Israeli singers to do a role with it for the first

"It's good for all of us," adds Halevi, who's brought her ninemonth-old son, Federico with her. "We're among family here. I mean the NIO and the audience, so we get loads of support and there's no fear of launching a new

Besides which, observes Sadeh. "we're not pioneers any more. We I'm continuing a tradition of start-

ing roles here and then repeating

them elsewhere." Sadeh, Halevi, Shamir, Poretsky and soprano Sharon Rostorf, who is singing her second Olympia, spend a lot of time in the sky between opera houses.

For instance, recently Sadeh sang in a concert version of La where he'll sing an Aida. Shamir. the first Israeli singer to be

come true," says Rostorf. The other Israeli singers are Marina Levitt who's alternating

with Shamir, with Vladimir Braun and Sami Bechar in smaller roles. The only imported lead is baritone Richard Cowan, who plays all four of poor Hoffman's evil geniuses, and even he sort of belongs.

This electric and charming Boheme at the Hollywood Bowl ... American singer played the title and will go from here to Cologne ... nole in Don Giovanni at the just where he'll sing an Aida. Shamir. Israel Vocal Arts Institute workshop back in 1988.



Tenor Gabi Sadeh: 'We're not pioneers any more.' (Gadi Dagon)

snapped up abroad, sang her first Fiordiligi in Cosi Fan Tutte at Augsberg before Hoffman. And most of them have worked

with each other. Rostorf, whose son Orel is two months old. Shamir, Poretsky, Halevi have all worked with each other here or abroad, and to have so many Israelis in one opera "is a dream

but the conductor, France's Fredric Chaslin, is making his NIO debut although he's conducted contemporary music here. And the other Israelis? They are set designer Roni Toren and costurne designer Buki Schiff. Hey! Are you sure Hoffman

Director David Alden is back

#### and drive-in theaters are abanmental short films next Monday at what Wenders means when he doned and ramshackle, lost shoots the top of Ayer's Rock and between the huge earth and the big sky, but still dominating the **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15** Australia, like the US, has held

fascination for Wenders throughout his career. America is enormous and unconquerable, like the human soul and rock-'n'roll Like Harry Dean Stanton stumbling in a daze out of the desert in Paris, Texas, but fueled deep inside by determination to recover his life.

The Australian outback is one of the places the heroine ends up in "Until the End of the World," which Wenders co-wrote with Australian novelist Peter Carey. But where Wenders' 1991 movie is often lifeless, these photos are full of ramshackle possibility. In one shot, a tawdry caravan sits in

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There are shots of Ayer's Rock rising out of the horizon ("like a puffing smoke from its chimney

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Tuesday, December 3, 1996

## Visa Israel: We are not a monopoly

ISRAEL Credit Cards, the licensee of Visa in Israel, is not a monopoly according to the antitrust law, ICC general-manager Zvi Meshi said yesterday.
"Israel Credit Cards is under

the impression that it does not hold a monopoly as defined by the 1988 Antitrust law," said Bank Leumi, ICC's parent com-

Meshi was asked to react to Antitrust Authority director-general Yoram Turbovich's current examination of the issue. Turbovich is examining credit card companies' activities in several fields, including commissions that they charge businesses and methods of competition. The examination was revealed in Bank Leumi's financial report for the

If ICC is declared a monopoly it will be subject to many limitations, mainly connected to the services offered to consumers, a source close to the Antitrust

Authority said. Turbovich started to examine the credit card sector about four months ago, at the request of the Aurec Group, the source said.

Several months ago Aurec established a new card company to issue Visa cards, in partnership with First International Bank.

According to the source, Turbovich's examination will assist the new group in entering the market. The new firm is expected to reduce ICC's share of the market, which currently is over 50 percent.

extra cut to the 1997 budget in addi-Turbovich has not yet expressed tion to the NIS 4.9b. already being his opinion on the issue.

## **High Court upholds** Paz, Sonol gas-station compromise

PAZ and Sonol will presumably release 64 gas stations from longterm supply contracts soon, after the High Court of Justice upheld a tracts in the future. compromise agreement between the companies and Supervisor of Monopolies Yoram Turbovich

The agreement stemmed from Turbovich's 1993 decision that the contracts requiring gas stations to buy exclusively from one particular gas company at set prices, often for periods of 30 years or

ny did not own the land on which

the station was built. This decision would have nullified the contracts binding 413 of the country's 548 gas stations. The three major gas companies, Paz, Delek and Sonol, therefore appealed it to the Business Restrictions Court, where the case has been tied up ever since with no end in sight.

Because of this, Turbovich decided last year that it would be better to reach a compromise with the companies, which would result in freeing at least some stations from their contracts, than to have the current situation continue for years while the gas companies used the time to purchase rights in the stations which would make the

long-term contracts unassailable. He therefore proposed that only those contracts which involved no agreements giving the company rights to the station's land would be considered illegal. In exchange,

the gas companies would cancel their appeals and promise to obey his rules for signing supply con-

Paz and Sonol agreed to this deal, which would require them to release 29 and 35 stations, respectively, from their contracts. Delek refused, but Turbovich decided to apply the compromise ruling to Delek anyway. The Association of Gas Station Owners and several individual station owners then petitioned the High Court against more, constituted illegal restraints to the revised decision.

> and Dalia Dorner rejected the petitioners' claim that Turbovich had no authority to make such a deal, noting that such compromises are used throughout the world to reduce cartelization without lengthy legal battles. And though they agreed with the petitioners that the compromise was unnecessarily generous, since speedy results could also have been achieved by splitting the gas companies' appeal into two parts and dealing with the easy cases first, without conceding the other cases, they said this was not enough to invalidate the agreement.

> However, they said, the decision to give Delek the benefit of the compromise ruling when it did not agree to Turbovich's terms was so unreasonable as to be illegal. They therefore ordered Turbovich to reinstate his original ruling with respect to Delek, unless he decides that the original ruling was wrong to begin with.

## Agan, Makhteshim buy Brazil chemical company for \$20m.

MAKHTESHIM and Agan, both subsidiaries of Koor Industries, have each purchased a 42.5% stake in Defenpar Participações, a Brazilian company engaged in agro-chemicals, for \$19.8 million, the companies informed the Tel Aviv

Stock Exchange yesterday. The purchase is in the framework of the Makhteshim-Agan group's strategy for intensifying its presence in international markets in the agrochemicals segment in an attempt to facilitate sales to target markets...

The transaction was finalized at the end of last week. Up until now, Defenpar was owned by 14 agriculture cooperatives engaged in production of agro-chemicals. A few senior Defenpar managers will continue to hold about 10% of the company's shares.



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Defenpar is a holding company mainly engaged in production and marketing of crop-protection chemicals, primarily through its subsidiary Defensa-Industria De Defensives Agricolas. Defenpar is also engaged in production and sale of veterinary, biotechnology and other chemical products. The company's 1995 sales turnover amounted to \$80m., including 30% to the export market.

Makhteshim and Agan both purchased the company through separate fully owned overseas subsidiaries. The acquisition was financed by bank loans, taken in equal parts.

The tranasaction marks "an additional step in the concern's attempt to increase activities in its core businessses," said Koor president and CEO Benjamin Gaon.

In 1995. Makhteshim-Agan acquired a 49% stake in Herbitechnica, a Brazilian company engaged in the formulation and distribution of crop-protection chemicals. In addition, the group established a new company for the distribution of crop-protection chemicals in Argentina and purchased the activities of a local fund. The group also acquired a 49% stake in Aragonesas-Agro, a Spanish company engaged in the production and distribution of crop-protection

These acquisitions will result in a \$200m. - \$250m. growth in Makhteshim's and Agan's sales," said Yehuda Milo, chairman of the

## November budget deficit at NIS 881m.

INITIAL government figures suggest the November budget deficit totalled NIS 881 million, the Treasury reported yesterday.

Government expenditure last

month stood at NIS 9.336 billion. with revenues of NIS 8.454b. The budget deficit for the first 11 months reached NIS 10.885b., compared to the annual 1996 target of NIS 7.609b., which was sur-

passed after the first eight months

The annual budget deficit is expected to reach 3.5 percent of the gross national product, a full 1% above the government's selfimposed target and legal obligation. Finance Minister Dan Meridor has set 2.8% as the target for next year, and it is this target which has persuaded Meridor and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to propose an

debated in the Knesset.

to be decided upon in the Treasury today or more probably tomorrow. giving Meridor time to consider these latest economic statistics. Finance Ministry officials are being especially cautious about where the ax will fall, given the widespread opposition to the NIS 4.9b. propos-

State revenue from taxation was among the figures published yester-While the January to November total was 3% higher in real terms than in the same period in 1995, the lag in tax revenues is continuing to grow. This is the main reason, according to the Treasury, for the gap between the predicted budget deficit and the reality.

In the first 11 months, the Treasury collected NIS 87.1b. Of that, the Income and Property Tax Department received some NIS 47.3b., similar to the amount collected in the same period last year.

from property tax, this, said the Finance Ministry, is because of the lack of real estate deals in the market-place.

The Customs and VAT Department collected NIS 38.6b. in the first 11 months, a 5% real terms increase on the equivalent 1995 fig-

In November, 10,370 vehicles were imported, down 19% from the same month last year. There were also reductions in imports of washing machines (19%), televisions (16%), videos (11%) and dishwashers (17%). On the other hand, there was a 25% increase in the number of refrigerators brought into the country.

In a separate development yesterday, Israel retained its A minus credit rating status with international ratings company Standard & Poor. The company said it had taken its decision on the basis of the government's commitment to tight



The building which until Sunday was the largest McDonalds restaurant in the world stands anonymous in central Beijing yesterday after all the signs were removed. The restaurant was closed and fenced off by Chinese authorities who want to build a shopping complex on the site. But since they were given notice two years ago, McDonalds has refused to leave, saying it has a 20-year

## Shekem almost doubles its third-quarter loss

SHEKEM finished the third quarter with almost double the loss it made in the same period last year. The retail chainstore of the Elco Group lost NIS 16.6 million, compared to a loss of NIS 8.9m. in the same quarter last year.

The drop in earnings was almost across the board in all the firm's

In the first nine months of the year, Shekem announced a net loss of NIS 9.6m. compared to a net loss of NIS 31.4m. in the same period last year - a drop of 69%. The losses include capital-gains of NIS 38.9m. from the sale of property and land, and reorganization

expenses of NIS 10.8m. Revenue fell 2% in the third quarter to NIS 291m. In the nine month period revenue was up slightly, at NIS 854m.

Key factors which hindered the third quarter results included an 18% increase in operating expenses to NIS 14.8m., reflecting an increase in expenses. The higher losses were also due to an increase in financing expenses, to NIS 1.7m compared to financing income of NIS 2.3m. Management blamed the increase on a rise in the cost of GALIT LIPKIS BECK

short-term shekel financing, high interest rates and the relatively moderate rise in the Consumer Price Index. In the third quarter, the retail

chain opened a Shekem Gallery store, two Hyper-Shekem stores and a Shekem Electric store.

Electra Consumer Products, a subsidiary of Elco Holdings, reported third-quarter net profit of NIS 4.2m., a drop of 80% compared to a net profit of NIS 21.4m.

in the same period last year. The drop in earnings was mainly due to the company's activities in Europe. In Europe, the poor summer weather hindered the company's sale of air-conditioners, said management. In the consumer field, Electra suffered from a significant slowdown in the economy, which hindered all of its businesses. Revenues fell 10% in the reported period to NIS 287.5m.

Electra reported a net profit of NIS 38.6m. in the first nine months loss of NIS 28.9m. in the same of the year compared with a net period in 1995.

profit of NIS 53m. in the same period last year. Revenue rose 8%

Israel Credit Lines ended the third quarter with a net loss of NIS 13.4m. compared to a net loss of NIS 25.2m. in the same period last

The company has an accumulated deficit of NIS 4.4m. in its shareholders capital and a deficit of NIS 28m. in its working capital. General manager of the company Yuval Ran estimated the company will be able to continue with its cost-reducing program. The main objective of the plan is to improve Credit Lines' cash flow.

There is a high risk the company will be able to continue to operate and meet its obligations and expenses, if it does not manage to implement its program and obtain the required financing, said the company's accountants in a report attached to the financial state-

The company completed the first nine months of the year with a net loss of NIS 48.8m. compared to a

#### Strike paralyzes French energy giant Elf Acquitaine or cause other disruption over wider cost-cutting in

PARIS (Reuter) - French oil giant Elf Aquitaine said its domestic refineries were shut for the fifth day yesterday as workers continued a strike to defend jobs and unions called for protests at other plants.

The strike by Elf distribution workers involved three plants just as oil firms recovered from a 12-day truckers' blockade, which unions want to serve as an inspiration to oil workers.

We are still shut down. There has been little progress," said an official at Elf's largest French plant, the 211,000 barrels per day (bpd) Donges refinery in western France. An Elf spokesman confirmed the company's two

other main complexes - the 95,000 bpd Grandpuits refinery near Paris and the 120,000 bpd Feyzin plant near Lyon - also were shut. The strike is over plans to shed roughly 10 percent of the staff, or 330 workers, at distribution subsidiary Elf Antar. Elf Aquitaine is France's largest oil company.

Union officials said the strike had been extended

until this morning for most shift workers. But they

were also staging meetings across the oil sector to

find out whether workers were ready to go on strike

and that will decide how we go on from here," a spokesman for the oil branch of France's largest union, the CFDT, said yesterday. On Friday, five unions called for protests at all French refineries about pay and plans by several of the oil industry's major players to reduce a glut of

"We are having a series of general assemblies today

overcapacity in Europe's refining sector. Unions say the plans threaten thousands of jobs. In a clear echo of the truckers' strike, unions say they also want retirement at 55 instead of 60 for refinery workers. That was a key part of the concessions won by lorry drivers in their dispute which ended late on Friday.

However, many analysts say that the refinery workers lack the truckers' power to paralyze the country. Like other oil firms, Elf had planned to return rapidly to normal once the truckers lifted a blockade of refineries and strategic fuel depots. The last roadblock vanished on Saturday. About half of France's petrol stations ran short of fuel during the haulage

#### BUSINESS BRIEFS

Cellcom users will be able to see the phone number of fellow Cellcom users will be after to see the phone trained. The new service, Cellcom subscribers even before they accept the call. The new service, which starts Wednesday, initially involves all Cellcom-to-Cellcom calls and only some calls via Bezeq lines, but will, over the next few calls and only some calls via Bezeq lines, but will, over the next few months, include all Bezeq subscribers as well, if Bezeq cooperates. The introduction of the "ID Call" on Cellcom cellular phones (it is not available on Pelephones) was announced by company president Ya'acov Perry and other officials who took Communications Minister

Limor Livnat on a tour of its facilities yesterday.

Cellcom says the ID Call will be available free to its subscribers for three months, and starting in March, it will cost NIS 4.25 a month plas

Express mail with Tunisia launched: The Postal Authority this week began an express mail service with Tunisia. The charge for packages up to half a kilo is NIS 82. They will arrive within three to five days

(excluding Shabbat and holidays).

Authority director-general Moshe Tery said he hoped the new service would help open commercial ties with Tunisia, the 138th country to have EMS links with Israel. Since August 1996, the authority has had mail links with Tunisia, including the sending of regular mail, packages and registered mail.

The Knesset Economic Affairs Committee last week rejected the Tourism Ministry's request to cancel a regulation requiring Israeli tour groups overseas to be accompanied by a licensed escort.

Shabtai Shoval, deputy director-general of the ministry, described the 1990 regulation as requiring an "Israeli foster parent" to accompany every tour group. The escort is not a tour guide, Shoval noted, but deals only with administrative matters. Furthermore, only about 10 percent of the country's 5,000 licensed tour escorts work in their

Eilat bills itself as part of the 'Red Sea Riviera': Eilat will henceforth be promoted as part of the "Red Sea Riviera," according to Aharon Dekel, chairman of the Eilat Hotel Association. Speaking at the opening of the Red Sea resort's annual promotion conference for European travel agents, with the participation of some 230 agents from 16 countries, Dekel said that during the winter season there are to be 40 direct charter flights a week from Europe and another eight flights on El Al with a brief stop at Ben-Gurion airport.

The shine comes off polished-diamond exports: Polished-diamond exports totalled \$377 million in November, down 8 percent on the same month last year, the Industry and Trade Ministry reported this

Exports of unpolished and partly treated in the first 11 months totalled \$762m., a 20% increase on the comparable period of 1995. The sum of all diamonds exported since January reached \$4.531

Textile exports decreased by 4.8% in the first nine months compared to the same period last year, the Manufacturers Association reported this week. That follows three years of growth in foreign sales in the industry.

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Elrov Technologies mainly invests in high-tech companies and control of the control of th ups. Leumi and Elrov said they intend to expand Elrov Technologies activities, especially in the communications, biotechnology and programming fields. In addition, Elrov Telecommunications intends to establish venture-capital funds. Elrov will register capital gains of NIS 2.5m. from the transaction.

Housing sales rose 25% last month: The number of apartments sold in November was 25% higher than in any of the recent months, when sales have been very low, deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush said

If the current improvement in the number of building startups continues, the annual target of 50,000 will be reached, added Porush.

Eilat's Palmira Hotel joins international booking system: The Palmira Hotel in Eilat has become part of the Golden Tulip international reservations system, which is affiliated with KLM, the Dutch airline. The system includes over 220 four-star hotels, as well as 55 three-star hostelries known as Tulip Inns.

## IAI Ramta to sell Super Dvora to India

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ISRAEL Aircraft Industries and an Indian company have signed an agreement for the sale of the Super-Dvota II to the Indian Navy, executives said yesterday.

In a contract signed by the Indian Navy, IAI's Ramta division will manufacture, along with Goa Shipyard, attack craft. Goa is part of the Indian consortium Vasco de Gama.

Ramta manager Natan Galili, who did not disclose the amount of the contract, said the deal marks a turning point. "This is a breakthrough for the sale of the Super-Dvora to India and IAI and Ramta expect this will lead to other sales to the Indian Navy and its coast guard," he said.

.The Super-Dvora II is built for round-the-clock coastal surveillance and reconnaissance, rescue operations and transport of commando forces. It serves in six navies worldwide, including the Israel Navy.

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# Stocks slip on weak earnings, loss reports

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



Two-Sided index

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STOCKS fell after a number of major companies reported lower earnings or losses, closing out what analysts said was otherwise a better-than-expected earnings season. Leading the market lower today were Elbit Ltd., Elco Holdings,

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Bezeq and Koor Industries Ltd. Through November, the main month of earnings season, "the market has been very positive." said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities in Tel Aviv. The Two-sided index rose nearly 6 percent in the month.

At the same time, investors punished companies with weakerthan-expected results, he said.

The Two-sided index slipped 0.33% to 198.79, while the Maof eased 0.25% to 208.84 yesterday. Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 68.9 million of - fell as well. The medical company, shares traded, 18% above last month's daily average of NIS 58.6m. Advancing issues matched decliners, at 241.

The most-active issue was Blue Square, the operator of Co-op Supermarkets, which fell 0.75% at NIS 5.4m. of shares traded.

Bezeq dropped 1.75%. It reported yesterday that third-quarter earnings dropped 9% on higher expenses. Analysis also cited competition from other providers of cellular services.

Elco Holdings Ltd. shares dropped 3.5%. The holding company for investments in retailing. consumer appliances and other fields reported third-quarter earn-

ings dropped 84%.
An Elco affiliate, Electra Consumer Products, which makes air conditioners and appliances. saw its shares drop 10%. Electra reported third-quarter earnings fell 80% to NIS 4.3m.

Elbit Ltd., one of three co nies created when the Elbit holding company split up, dropped 6.5%. This company, which focuses on TV manufacturing, electronic textile-inspection equipment and other businesses, fell even as

it narrowed its third-quarter loss. The other two Elbit spinoffs, Elbit Medical and Elbit Systems, a maker of scanners, dropped 1.5%, while the other, a defense contractor, shed 1.25%.

Also hurting stocks was Koor Industries Ltd., which eased 1.5%. Among gainers, Blue Square's competitor Supersol tacked on 0.75%. Sahar's Tsur picked Supersol as a company that beat estimates - third-quarter earnings jumped 22% on 18% higher sales - and the stock is up more 10% since the report November 12. (Bloomberg)

## German shares hit record as other Eurobourses slip

**WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP** 

LONDON (Reuter) - German Volkswagen AG, however, VW shares powered to a record close ended down almost 5%, or 29.50 rally with help from the strong dollar, which rose to almost a six-

week high against the mark. Europe's other major bourses were weak. London was undercut by worries over interest rates and the strength of sterling, and Paris over the strength of sterling and saw a mid-session recovery evaporate as Wall Street opened weak.

The dollar rose against the mark after France and Germany reiterated their commitment to a stable franc-mark rate. It was also trading at a near two-year high against the Swiss franc.

Germany's DAX index of 30 leading shares hit a new bourse record of 2,860.24 points in early trade, before paring gains slightly to close up 13.08 points, or 0.46 percent, at 2,858.60 points.

Analysts had not been expecting the 2,850 point level to be breached until the end of the year, but the DAX has rallied 3% in the last week, boosted by the dollar's strength, which benefits German

investors sold stock on worries about the company's legal dispute with US carmaker General Motors over allegations of industrial espi-

British equity investors fretted the likelihood that interest rates will be raised again as soon as January The FTSE 100 index was off 20

points at its day's lows, with decliners outpacing advancers by a margin of more than two to one. French shares recouped early losses by mid-session but turned negative once more as Wall Street opened weak.

Traders said the market needed to pause for breath after rising in leaps of about 1% last week, and looked well set to end the year on a new high, as long as there were no upsets from Wall Street.

Carmakers Renault and PSA Peugeot Citroen extended falls after November car sales came in worse than expected with a 21.7% A major casualty was carmaker fall for the French market.

## US shares mixed; retail stocks prosper

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks turned a buying opportunity, lifting most mixed yesterday after recovering with bonds from concerns that robust holiday sales and other signs of economic strength may iosile the tame inflation and interest rate outlook.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average closed unchanged from last Friday at 6,521.70, having recovered from an early slide of nearly 49 points.

The technology-rich Nasdaq market rose to its sixth straight record high as computer-related shares rallied on hopes they would enjoy a good holiday shopping season.

Investors initially used a weak bond market as incentive to secure some profits on the market's record-setting rally last month. But as usual, the early dip became

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market measures back near the day's starting points. Stocks were pressured early by the bond market. As bond prices

rebounded in the afternoon, the yield settled back down to 6.36%. Retail shares were among the market's few advancers. On the NYSE, Sears was one of the Dow's biggest gainers, and Kmart

rose in active trading. Computer makers and retailers also rose. IBM set another high as the Dow's strongest issue. Elsewhere on the NYSE, computer makers Digital Equipment and Hewlett-Packard posted strong gains, as did electron-

The Standard and Poor's 500stock index fell 0.49 to 756.53. and the NYSE's composite index fell 0.29 to 398.14.

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## Aussies lose Elliott, but sit pretty

SYDNEY (Reuter) - Australia captain Mark Taylor set West Indies a target of 340 runs to win the second Test on a day of despair for fellow opener Matthew Elliott yesterday.

West Indies openers Sherwin Campbell and Robert Samuels survived 12 tense overs late in the day to steer the tourists to 27 for no wicket at close of play on the fourth day at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

With their hopes of winning all but extinguished because of the slowness of the wicket, West Indies face the more realistic task of batting through a minimum of 90 overs on the fifth and final day to earn a draw.

Although few batsmen have been troubled by the wicket in terms of survival, all have struggled to score runs freely.

Elliott was denied a likely maiden Test century when he was forced to retire hurt on 78 because of a knee injury after a painful collision with teammate Mark Waugh. Elliott and Waugh collided as

they sprinted between the wickets in search of a second run with the total on 143 for two just before lunch.

Although both batsmen were knocked to the ground, Elliott managed to dive back to the safety of his crease, foiling West Indies' attempt to run him ent. But he was unable to carry on batting after lengthy treatment:

It was cruel luck for Elliott, who made his Test debut in the first Test in Brisbane as a replacement for out-of-form opener Michael Slater.

Waugh made amends for his involvement in the incident by. hitting a patient 67 as Australia painstakingly advanced to 312 for four in their second innings before Taylor declared the innings 40 minutes before the scheduled close.

West Indies endured a dismal resumed on 77 for two, an oversall lead of 104 runs.

Australia, which won the first Test by 123 runs, scored 331 in its first innings in Sydney before dismissing West Indies for 304.

#### SCOREBOARD SOCCER - Last night's Premier League result: Tottenham Hotspur

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Rangers 6, Montreal 2: Philadelphia 4. Vancouver 3: San Jose 4, St Louis 3: Anaheim 4, Edmonton 2.

# Do-or-die time for Man Utd, Ajax

LONDON (Reuter) - Manchester United and Ajax Amsterdam play away tomorrow in Champions' League matches which will either propel them into the European Cup quarter-finals or wreck their

United travels to Rapid Vienna with its fate largely out of its own hands. It requires at least a draw, and will need a victory if Turkey's Fenerbahce steals a result against European champions Juventus in Turin on the same night.

Ajax, bidding for a third consecutive European Cup final appearance, is at least in control of its own destiny. If it wins tomorrow, it will qualify for the

But the same is true of its opponents Grasshopper Zurich and the four-time European champions can expect a torrid ride in Switzerland.

By contrast. United will be banking on a halfhearted approach from Rapid, whose hopes of a place in the second phase of Europe's leading club competition have long since disappeared.

Rapid coach Ernst Dokupil scrapped the team's usual training session on Sunday and did not bother to send a spy to watch United beat Leicester 3-1 in the Premier League on Saturday.

Instead, the Rapid players, two weeks into the Austrian league's winter break, have been amusing themselves recording and promoting a Christmas Austria's top scorer Rene Wagner is struggling to

overcome a bout of influenza before tomorrow. If he

fails to recover, his place will go to Christian Stumpf,

who scored in Rapid's first Champions' League clash Suspended Polish defender Andrzej Lesiak is its only certain absentee.

United welcomes back England international Gary Pallister, who has suffered from a recurring back

side and start playing again." the big defender said. "It will be a different game in Vienna than the one against Leicester. I think it will be very open which

should suit us.
"We have players like Ryan Giggs, Karel Poborsky and Roy Keane who can run at defenders, and the win against Leicester has put us in good heart."

While United heads east at full strength, Ajax is still beset by injuries, although influential defender Frank de Boer looks set to return sooner than forecast

after recovering from an ankle injury.

Captain Danny Blind has also been back in training after a long lay-off but still seems likely to miss out on the group A match in Zurich.

Grasshopper is without key striker Kubilay Turkyilmaz and fellow-Swiss international Brent

injury, at the heart of a defense which leaked goals during his absence.

Haas, both suspended after collecting second yellow cards in their defeat at Glasgow Rangers two weeks ago.

But the Swiss league's leading scorer Viorel Moldovan of Romania returns to the side which bear Ajax 1-0 in Amsterdam earlier in the tournament.

The other European giants still waiting on a quarter-final place are AC Milan, back under the guidance of Arrigo Sacchi, who resigned as Italy's coach on Sunday to return to the club where he made his name between 1987 and 1991. They need a point from a delicate home tie against Norway's Rosenborg to ensure an all-Italian quarter-final against group C winners Juventus.

Liberian striker George Weah is suspended after headbutting Porto's Jorge Costa at the end of Milan's last European match. French midfielder Marcel Desailly and right side midfielder Stefano Eranio are also out with two yellow cards apiece.



Pioline after defeating Sweden's Nicklaus Kulti in 5 sets to win the Davis Cup final.

# France wins Davis Cup in final-day thriller

MALMO (Reuter) - France captured the Davis Cup on Sunday when Arnaud Boetsch survived three match points to overcome a spirited challenge from reserve singles Swede Nicklas Kulti and win the final thrilling five-set rubber 7-6, 2-6, 4-6, 7-6, 10-8.

It was the first time since the Davis Cup began in 1900 that the deciding match had gone to five sets and the result followed more than nine hours of gripping tennis with the two reverse singles going the full dis-

The trophy is France's second against the odds in five years. Under Yannick Noah's charismatic leadership, they upset the mighty US in Lyon in 1991 and Noah brought them to Sweden as underdogs again. But Sweden's fortunes suffered six games into the first match on

Friday when veteran campaigner Stefan Edberg fell, twisted his ankle and went on to lose to Cedric Pioline. Edberg, playing his last competition before retiring, was forced to pull out of Sunday's decisive match and Kulti, clearly exhausted and suffering from leg pains, fought like a lion before going down to a man ranked

32 places above him. Earlier, top Swede Thomas Enqvist won another nerve-sapping fiveset marathon against Pioline 3-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 9-7 to keep Sweden in the tie, after France had clinched Saturday's doubles.

It was the first time in 11 years that the final remained undecided until a fifth match and the converted factory housing the tie erupted in noisy Gallic celebration.

The final was just what the competition needed to counter critics who accuse the Davis Cup of crowding the tennis schedule. Leading American players including Andre Agassi have suggested the

Cup should be played at most every other year and maybe once every four years. But nobody in Malmo at the weekend would have agreed.

Edberg, who retired after the tie, said the Cup had to be played annu-"It was probably the best tennis that can ever happen," Edberg said. "It is one of the world's biggest competitions in any sport and it involves so

many countries. "It must be played every year."

Noah concurred, "What I love about the Davis Cup is it is not about contracts, schedules and business. It's different. You have to sacrifice

things for others, for the team. If you don't want to give up four weeks of your schedule, that's tough. You don't have to play." International Tennis Federation president Brian Tobin said he worked

hard to find suitable dates that fitted into the players' schedules. The main element that sets it apart from other tournaments is the home and away format which allows teams to generate great national interest and pride," he said.

## Maccabi's 2nd-half spurt sinks Holon

HAPOEL Holon put up a valiant effort but Maccabi Tel Aviv proved to be too talented as the defending champions prevailed 94-77 on the road last night. The victory propelled Maccabi into first place in the National League standings while Holon suffered its first home loss of the season.

DANCE

The league hegemony may not be in doubt, and the same must be said regarding the resiliency of coach Niv Bugin's Holon club. The hosts proved they are a genuine contender for a final-four berth by never giving up.
Asaf Barnea was Holon's key

player, as he battled Randy White and Buck Johnson under the boards admirably. Barnea's 14th point of the first half, from an offensive rebound, tied the game at 34. It was then that Brad Leaf came off the Maccabi bench and proceeded to score nine first-half points to extend the visitors' halftime lead to 50-45.

Holon refused to quit. They stormed out of the second-half gate, and baskets by Barnea, Yoav Sapar and Derrick Hamilton knotted the game at 52. The lead then switched hands six times over the next five minutes, and a Bamea bucket gave Holon a 61-58 lead with 12:15 to play. Over the next five minutes

though, Maccabi played like the best team in Europe, as it reeled off an incredible 20-0 run to put the game out of reach. Naday Henefeld (20 points, four rebounds, three assists) was the key, scoring 10 of those points along with his stifling defense. Doron Sheffer (12 points, six assists), who was inserted into the game just before the run began, contributed two three-pointers during the breakaway spurt.

Derrick Hamilton (17 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists) and Milt Wagner (20 points) led the Holon

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## Hill leads Pistons past Kings 95-66

AUBURN HILLS (AP) - The Detroit Pistons held the Sacramento Kings to 16 points in each of the first three quarters and Grant Hill had 23 points and 14 rebounds in a 95-66 victory

Sunday night. Hill, who played only 31 minutes, had nine points in a 21/2 minute run that helped Detroit to a 31-16 lead after the first quarter. The lead grew to 26 in the sec-

ond quarter and 35 in the fourth

quarter as the Pistons held the

Kings to the second-lowest point

total ever by a Detroit opponent.

Kings with 15. Warriors 98, Trail Blazers 70 Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points and Joe Smith had 10 points

and 11 rebounds as Golden State won at home

games. Portland also tied its season-low for points scored. The Warriors built a 34-point lead midway through the fourth

The Trail Blazers shot a seasonlow 30 percent after shooting 52 percent over their previous four

Aviv with 27.

Grant Long added 15 points for Detroit and Lindsey Hunter had quarter to hand Portland its worst loss of the season. 13. Corliss Williamson led the Jazz 96, SuperSonics 90 The best start in Jazz history got

even better as Karl Malone had 30 points and 13 rebounds and visiting Utah beat Seattle for the second time this season.

The Jazz, who lost to the Sonics in the Western Conference finals last spring, won their 10th straight

Utah's bench outscored Seattle's 44-22 as Antoine Carr had 13 points, Chris Morris 12 and rookie Shandon Anderson 11.

Shawn Kemp had 29 points and 13 rebounds and Gary Payton had 18 points for the Sonics.

Lakers 104, Nuggets 96 Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and matched his career high with eight assists as Los Angeles took control early for a home win.

Nick Van Exel had 24 points, six rebounds and seven assists and Eddie Jones and Elden Campbell had 14 points each for the Lakers. who led all the way and held the Nuggets to nine points in the first 18 minutes of play.

## National handball team finishes 3rd

THE LOCAL SCENE **HEATHER CHAIT** 

AFTER the bruises and limb breaks from the handball game between Israel and Egypt last week in the Netherlands, this week's games against a visiting Dutch team was relatively calm. Israel landed the third spot in the preliminary rounds of the World Cup Competition by beating the Netherlands twice, 23-21 on Friday and 25-19 on Sunday at Hadar Yosef. The Czech Republic won Israel's group, with Belarus second and the Netherlands fourth.

TRIATHLON: The international triathlon competition in Eilat, aka the Israeli Championships, was won by the Netherlands' Dennis Looze, Europe's No. 1 triathlete. His time was 1:54.54. Behind him was Britain's Richard Hobson and Thomas Waker from

Sweden. Ido Mouri was the first Israeli to finish the course, ending in eighth place overall and 2:03.52. Mirav Tarshish, İsrael's champion, took the women's title in 2:18.40. Marring the sporting atmosphere was the fact that 17-yearold Oded Gross was selected to represent Israel at the Asian Championships ahead of Mouri, despite his fourth-place finish among the local athletes. The reason given was Gross' real chance of winning in his age group. Tarshish, 18, will be the other Israeli entry in the championships in India.

GOLF: The annual Uri Akavia Cup tournament was held at the Caesarea Golf Club with

100 players competing in three divisions. Nissim Zanati scored a five-under-par 41 points (eight pars and six birdies) to win the A Division Cup. Shlomo Avnaim won the B Division Cup with 38 points and 84-year-old Lov Zinn took the C Division with 39 points. After 18 rounds of the National Coca Cola Golf League, Kfar Shmaryahu, seeking its fourth consecutive title, is leading with 46 points, followed by Jerusalem with 30 and Tel

TENNIS: Sun, sea and tennis attracted 230 players to the seniors tournament in Eilat last week. Besides the fun, there was serious action too with Ghanian immigrant Daniel Afim beating Raz Hochman 6-I, 6-2 in the 35-years class. Other winners were Meir Pokshivka and Shalom Giat (both 35), Roni Goldman (45), Joe Oren (50), Uzi Bonzak (55), Yitzhak Ben Shahar (60) and Mano Bardan (65). Winners among the women were Ilana Yovel (35), Carmela Friedman (45) and Noa Melovetz

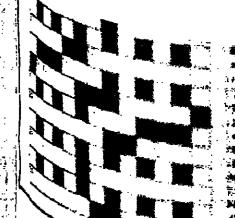
BOWLS: Snapping up a one-shot win was Ra'anana's bowls team in the midweek mixed fours competition at Ramat Gan with Sam Skudowitz skipping for Jeff Kruger, Molly Skudowitz and Natalie Goldsmith. Their victims, Dan van Creveld, Moshe Ayoun, Jessie Rosen and Shelley Haviv saw their 17-11 lead whittled away in the last three heads when the

winners scored 3,3 and 1. Ramat Gan's team took third spot, beating Haifa. Twenty-four teams played in the six-week, round robin competition, sponsored by the Anglo Saxon Real Estate Agency.

ICE HOCKEY: The Jerusalem Lions have cemented their unbeaten lead on the local\_ice. hockey league before the Hanukka break. The Lions beat Metulla 7-3 on Friday night with Oleg Agapov scoring three goals. Behind Jerusalem in the league are Metulla, Bat Yam and Rishon Lezion.

RUNNING: The Jerusalem Hasolelim longdistance running club returned from participating in the 21-km Aphrodite Half Marathon in Cyprus on Sunday. The best result for the Jerusalemites was Rabia Yusuf from East Jerusalem who finished 16th while 70-year-old Moshe Gur won his age group with a time of 1:49.

WINDSURFING: If you wondered if windsurfers really are tough, just watch Amit Inbar-Inbar, currently riding the waves in Hawaii where he is shooting a promotional film, will then head on to New Zealand. There, against four other windsurfers, Inbar will valiantly est his mettle in a series of dangerous sports. including bungee jumping, free parachuting, rappelling, rafting and surfing in towering



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JERUSALEM music lovers can choose between three exciting musical events tomorrow evening.

The Warsaw Chamber Opera, specializing in Mozart and baroque repertoire, presents Mozart's La finta giardiniera, a charming work which definitely shows grains of the Amadeus genius. The production is presented in full stunning period costumes and against a scenic backdrop. Sung in Italian by a young Polish cast, the action will be narrated in Hebrew by Adi Etzion Zack. At the Sherover Theatre (8:30) with extra performances Saturday in Gan Shumuel, Sunday in Ein Hashofet, Monday in Netanya and next Tuesday in Kfar Saba.

AT THE Israel Museum Tomer Lev's intriguing series Those Fascinating Years of Crisis continues with De Profundis: Vienna in an Expressionist Mode. The evening opens (7:30) with a lecture by Ariel Hirschfeld and continnes with a concert featuring Mahler's piano quartet, Berg's piano sonata and Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire.

SYLVIA SAAS, one of the most notable Hungarian sopranos of all time, who used to sing lead Verdi and Puccini roles in major opera houses all over the world presents a recital in which she sings selections by Liszt, Brahms, Richard Strauss, Mahler, Mozart, Gluck, Verdi, Purcell and Puccini at the Rubin Music Academy Jerusalem at the Givat Ram Campus of the Hebrew University

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(8:30).

HELEN KAYE

THE Inbal Dance Theater has reconstructed two of its founder's most famous dances. They are Sara Levi Tanai's exquisite Song of Songs and Megillat Ruth, both based on their biblical sources. Tonight on the Inbal stage at the Suzame Dellal Dance Center at 8:30 p.m.

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The Warsaw Chamber Opera presents Mozart's 'La finta giardiniera.'

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#### FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\* STEALING BEAUTY - Bernardo Bertolucci returns to Italy with this pretty English-language film, about a radiant young American, played by Liv Tyler, who travels to a postcard-perfect Tuscan villa to spend the summer with some bohemian family friends and to lose her virginity. The picture is essentially touristic in its approach - both to the rolling green landscape and to the foibles of youth. But it does feel at least like an honest accounting of a middle-aged male filmmaker's vaguely sordid relationship to his dazzling young star. If nothing else, Stealing Beauty is the frankest of Bertolucci's movies in a very long time. With Jeremy Irons and Sinead Cusack. (English dialogue with some Italian, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)







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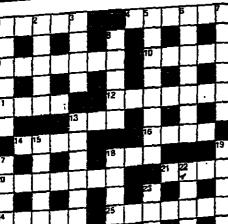
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#### E SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Une Epoque Formidable (French, 1991) – vomedy about a man who loses his job and conceals his unemployed state from his family. He gets caught up in his lies and ends up on the street. (92 mins.) 23:35 Strange Story of Oyulo (Japanese, 1992) – erotic drama about a prostitute in Japan of the 1920s who atrouses dormant desires in a middle-aged writer and the way their relationship evolves over several decades. Directed by Kanto Shindo (111 mins.)

#### DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Great Palaces - Hampton Court (rpt) 12:30 Fork in the Road - Indonesia (rpt) 13:00 Behind the Lab Door (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Great Palaces (rpt) 16:30 Fork in the Road (rpt) 17:00 Behind the Lab Door (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 In Search of...: Waterseekers 20:30 Paleoworld - dinosaurs' sex life 21:00 National Geographic Explorer 22:00 Searching for Lost Worlds - Atlantis? Mystery of for Lost Worlds - Atlantis? Mystery of the Minoans 23:00 In Search of...: Waterseekers (rpt) 23:30 Paleoworld (rpt) 00:00 Open University

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8:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 17:00 MSNBC - The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Cooking magazine 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 Baskethali: NCAA 23:00 Dateline 22:00 Basketball: NCAA 23:00 Dateline 22:00 Baskemai: NCAA 23:00
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#### # EUROSPORT

9:30 Triathlon: Grand Prix, San Diego (rpt) 10:30 Recreational Sport Magazine 11:00 Speedworld - motorsports 13:00 Eurogoals 14:00 Boxing 15:00 Surfing: World Championship. France 15:30 Snowboard (rpt) 16:00 Bobsted Racing: World Cup, France (rpt) 18:00 Tennis: KB Open, Czech Republic - Irve 19:00 Soccer: FIFA Motorsports Magazine 21:00 Boxing – live 23:00 Soccer: UEFA Cup 1:00 Snocker 2:00 Paragliding: World Cup

#### PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Badminton: Vietnam Open (rpt) 8:00 International Sport News 9:00 Tennis: V/TA Tour, New York 11:00 Chinese League Basketball 12:30 Tennis. Thai Women's Open 14:30 Fulbol\_Mundial 15:00 Motorcycle racing: Thailand Road race 16:00 Watersports World 17:00 Golf: Casio Watersports World 17:00 Golf: Casio Open Championship 18:30 Squash: Champions Tour. New York 19:30 Boung 21:30 Thai Kickboxing 22:30 Chinese League Baskerball 0:00 Furbol Mundial 0:30 Motorcycle racing: Thailand Road race 1:30 Tennis: WTA Tour, NY (pp.) 3:30 Golf: World Cup, Jamana

#### E BBC WORLD

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■ CNN INTERNATIONAL News throughout the day 6:30 Investigative Report 7:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneyime (rpt) 9:30 World Sport 10:30 Snowbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:30 CNN American Edition 13:45 O & A 14:00 Asian News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Earth Matters 19:30 O & A 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNI World News 22:00 Larry King (rot) 23:00 European News 23:30 Investigative Report 00:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 2:30 Moneyime 3:00 Headline News

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#### RADIO

NOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Spanish and Italian dances from Luzy-Norte, 1677; Boccherini: Guitar guintet no 4 in D "Fandango;" Haydn: Symphony no 94 "Surprise" (Petite Bande/Kuijken); Mozart: Davidde Penitente; Schubert: Sonata in A for violin and piano 0574; Britter: Abreham and Isaac Humn on 2 Sonata in A for violin and piano U5/4; Britten: Abraham and Isaac Hymin no 2 12:00 Light Classical – tango festival 13:00 Flutist Yossi Amheim – Mozart: Andante in C for flute and orch K314; Pergolesi: Flute concerto no 1 (with JSO/Robertson); Telemann: Sonata in A for flute and continuo; Shlomo Yoffe: Little Suite for 4 flutes 14:06 Folk music Sarahande ensemble in Sephanti folk Sarabande ensemble in Sephardi tolk music from the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Marcel Bergman (cello), Natasha Tadson (piano), Bach: Sonata no 2 in D; Beethoven: Sonata no 5 in D op 120/2; Schumann: 5 pieces op 102 16:00 Ear on the Pulse – CDs of the year 18:00 New CUS - Kapsoerger; Canzona no 1 and Villanelle: F. Couperin: Suite in E minor for viola da gamba and basso continuo; Faurė: Cantique to words by Jean Racine; Rachmaninoff: Ave Maria; Elgar: Lux Aeterna; Bacht: Concerto for violin and Nachmaninor: Ave maria; Eigar: Lux Aetema; Bach: Concerto for violin and strings BWV 1042; Gorecdi: Totus Tuas; Debussy: Sonata in G minor for violin and piano 20:05 (1) Concert with winners of Geneva international competiners of Geneva International compet-tion 1995 – Françaix: Concerto for bas-soon and 11 stringed instruments; Prokofiev: Sonata in C for cello and piano op 119; Braver: Guitar concerto no 3. (2) Rachmaninoli: Piano concerto no 3 (Horowitz/NYPO/Ormandy) 22:00 A Musical Journey

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## Study reveals 'Hitler's Jews'

RESEARCH published yesterday revealed that 77 "high-ranking officers who were of mixed lewish race or married to a Jew" served in the Wehrmacht, the German armed forces, having been given a declaration by Hitler, who knew of their Jewish origins, that they were "of German blood."

They include Field Marshal Erhard Milch, the deputy of Hitler's chosen successor, Hermann Goering, Goering knew that Milch was, by the Nazis' own definition, half-Jewish and falsified Milch's fatherhood.

The discoveries, made by Bryan Rigg, a 25-year-old American researching his PhD in history at Cambridge University in England, were published yesterday by the Daily Telegraph in London.

According to Rigg's research. which was outlined in detail in the Telegraph, one of those on the list, Lt.-Col. Dr. Ernst Bloch, whose father Dr. Oscar Bloch was a Jew, led a team from German military intelligence to Warsaw in September 1939 to help the leader of the Lubavitcher Jews, Rebbe Joseph Schneersohn, escape to America. Until now, claims within Lubavitcher circles that a Jewish army officer had assisted in the rebbe's escape have been dismissed by many

Among those Rigg interviewed was Helmut Schmidt, the chancellor of West Germany from 1974-82, who was a lieutenant in the Luftwaffe even though his grandfather was a Jew. Schmidt said he only learned about his Jewish origins from his mother when he was in his late teens and already a member of the Hitler Youth. Schmidt told Rigg he kept his Jewish ancestry secret because his father was the son of an illegitimate relationship.

Rigg said his research had shown that in addition to those named on the list of 77, which include two generals, eight lieutenant-generals, five major-generals and 23 colonels, there were another 60 high-ranking officers of partial or full Jewish parentage in the army, navy and airforce.

Milch, the highest ranking officer on the list, was a personal friend of Goering. When the Nazi hierarchy found out that his father, Anton Milch, was Jewish, they changed his parentage. According to a document Rigg found, dated August 7, 1935. Goering and Hitler ruled that his "true father" was his mother's uncle and that Milch was therefore of Aryan descent." Milch, who died in 1972, was convicted at the Nuremberg war crimes trial and imprisoned from 1945-55.

Prof. Yehuda Bauer, head of the Center for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem, said he welcomed new research into the subject but that "the sensationalism around it is misleading. That thousands of soldiers who were of partial Jewish parentage, who considered themselves to be completely German, served in Nazi Germany's army comes as no surprise to us, nor the information



Helmut Schmidt, an officer in the Lustwaffe and later a German chancellor, had a Jewish grandfather.

about Milch or Schmidt. That Milch was of Jewish origin came up during the Nuremburg trials."

## Third Way supports budget proposal

THE Third Way announced yesterday that it will support the 1997 budget, and called on the rest of the coalition to "show responsibility" and do the same.

"We are very worried by the situation in the coalition," explained faction chairman Yehuda Harel at a meeting with Finance Minister Dan Meridor yesterday afternoon. "A culture of threats has developed - threats not to vote for the budget, and threats not to vote for the redeployment in Hebron."

While the party has its own disagreements with the budget proposal, and will not abandon its efforts to persuade the Treasury to make changes, it does not believe that threats are the proper way to achieve this goal, and will not stoop to playing this game, he added.

The party urged Meridor not to give in to other parties threats, and to stick to his NIS 4.9 billion budget cut. "We cannot support a budget which will lead to the collapse of the system," said MK Alex Lubotsky. "We are forced to see ourselves as if the sector we represent were the Treasury."

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani added that internal unity is especially important at a time when the entire Arab world is uniting against Israel. If necessary, he said, it would be better to go to new elections, and let the public punish those parties which are refusing to behave responsibly. To stress its point, the party also

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sent out a letter to all coalition MKs urging them to support the budget as well. The government, which is still in its early days, is already fac-ing difficult decisions on two matters: The redeployment in Hebron and the budget," the letter said. "Any weakening of the government in these decisions will badly damage both its ability to function in the future and the public's faith in it, and will invite pressure both at home and abroad. We therefore ask all factions in the coalition parties, and all coalition MKs, to demonstrate supreme national responsibility and refrain from threats, and stand behind the government on both the diplomatic front and the passage of the budget."

Meridor was profuse in his thanks to the party, which is the first to offer him its support. "It's refreshing to hear this... at a time when threats are being heard from various directions," he said, adding that he believes the public would react differently to the budget cuts if the coalition demonstrated responsibility, instead of playing petty party politics. "I hope that the other factions will learn from you how to run a coalition and a gov-

ernment," he concluded. The party also offered its support in principle for the additional budget cut which Meridor is planning. Meridor said he would announce the exact size of the additional cut today, and present a detailed proposal to the cabinet next week,



A Super-Dvora patrol boat, which is to be built for the Indian Navy in a project announced yesterday, cruises the Mediterranean.

## Ethiopian immigrant organization accuses PM of political appointments

THE Unified Organization of Ethiopian Immigrants yesterday charged that the prime minister was trying to appoint a Likud member to head the community's cultural heritage foundation as a political pay-off.

"Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, through the Absorption Ministry, plans to put a Likud member, Shlomo Ashkenazi, as head of Betachin, the institute for nurturing the heritage of Ethiopian Jewry. Ashkenazi has no background or expertise in Diaspora Jewry in general or the Ethiopian community in particular," the organization's spokesman, David Golan, said.

According to Golan, Absorption Ministry director-general Gideon Shamir met Betachin director Eli Ben-Gal and informed him that he had "received orders from above" to remove him from his post and to appoint Ashkenazi first as a member of the board and later as the

"I am ashamed that I have to tell you this, but I have orders from above," Shamir reportedly

The Absorption Ministry spokesman was not available yesterday evening for comment.

The impending appointment is a reward for [Ashkenazi's] political activity among members of the community on the eve of the elections," MK Addisu Messala (Labor) said. "Ashkenazi is a member of the Likud and was promised a senior position in absorption by

Vetanyahu." Betachin was set up by a Supreme Court ruling in 1989. It is funded by the Absorption-Ministry and is entrusted with maintaining and nurturing the community's folklore and culture as well as its historical and spiritual

"Ben-Gal is a professional and one of the

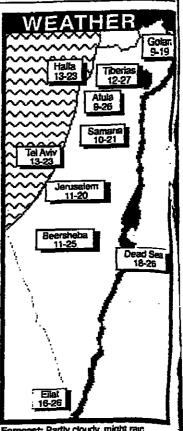
persons involved in setting up Beit Hatefutsot," Messala said, adding that "he status and that of the institute are above political considera-

Messala said the community "plans to oppose in any way possible, political interference (and) appointments according to political affiliations.

He said that "Netanyahu hopes to turn the institute into a political branch of the Likud through this appointment."

The prime minister's spokesman, Shai Bazak, said last night "Messala, as a Labor MK, is the one who is constantly attacking the government out of political considerations. He is attempting to turn the Ethiopian cause into a means of attacking the government." Bazak added: "This will not succeed because

the Ethiopian community knows well that the government is taking care of its needs as the Likud has always done."





#### Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 10 of spades, the queen of hearts, the jack of diamonds and the king of clubs.

#### Ministry comptrollers want independence

INTERNAL ministry comptrollers are not as effective as they could be. That's because they depend on their ministries for funds, and because ministry director-generals determine the parameters of audits, several ministry comptrollers told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday. State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat said a change in legislation might be necessary to grant ministry comptrollers more inde-Evelyn Gordon

## Milo reassures Tel Aviv: No haredi takeover while I'm here

TEL Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo yesterday came out strongly against the haredi threat of religious coercion in Tel Aviv. announcing that "as long as I'm the mayor here, Tel Aviv will remain a free city and there is no way, under any circumstances, that we will allow the haredim to

take over here." Milo was referring to the mass rally planned by Agudat Yisrael in the city tomorrow to protest against the Supreme Court and the desecration of Shabbat in Tel Aviv, where the situation is appalling, and Jews work at cleaning jobs on Shabbat," according to Agudat Yisrael acting chairman Menahem

Porush. "If the haredim want to change MICHAL YUDELMAN

the status quo in Tel Aviv, we simply won't let them do it. Tel Aviv is a free, tolerant city where for years religious and secular people, Jews and Arabs, lived together in tolerance," Milo said. Milo said on Channel 1's "Erev

Hadash" program yesterday that the haredim and religious parties "feel some kind of power intoxication after the elections and think they can determine what happens in the state and who is prime minister. And now they want to tell us what to do in Tel Aviv, to shut down places of business and close the city on Shabbat. Maybe in Jerusalem most of the public wants to preserve the Shabbat, but

Aloni said the haredi public is "extreme, zealous and missionary,

and believes it has a monopoly on

Judaism. They have tens of thou-

sands of strong, healthy young

men, thugs who do not serve in the

army and live at the public's

expense and want to impose their

way of life on the rest of us." She

expressed hope the secular public

will know how to fight back, if

"These people are violent,

they've wrecked stores, vandal-

ized cars, beaten up women who

work in the Education Ministry in

Jerusalem and attacked people dri-

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not in Tel Aviv.

"Tel Aviv operates seven days a week without stopping and has been doing so for many years," he said. "The overwhelming majority of Tel Aviv's residents are secular and we won't let them change the status quo in the city. Tel Aviv will continue to operate 24 hours a day,

On Israel Radio's Another Matter (Inyan Aher) program, Milo said, "It is no accident that all this ado is being raised by rabbis from Jerusalem and not from Tel Aviv, because in Tel Aviv even the rabbis have gotten used to living in tolerance. Now the Jerusalemites apparently want to impose on us the practices of the holy city. It just won't work."

ereign democratic state, which

should enable each citizen to live

according to his or her faith and

belief, and the haredim must not

be allowed to force their norms on

others, or to enter other people's

kitchens or bedrooms. They must

not impose boycotts or force peo-

ple by threat of ostracism to go to

She warned that "now they want

to close Tel Aviv down, to shut

down entertainment, theater and

business places on the weekend. I

have full faith in Tel Aviv Mayor

Ronni Milo not to let this happen,

but they have proved they can eas-

ily move from words to violence."

their tribunals."

## Beilin may announce candidacy for Labor leadership today

MK Yossi Beilin may announce ly since nobody from Peres's that he will contend for the Labor Party leadership at a press conference he called for this morning.

Beilin discussed the possibility of presenting his candidacy with Labor chairman Shimon Peres and other party leaders after last Thursday's central committee meeting, which set the date for the end of Peres's term as party leader and scheduled the leadership showdown for June 3 next year. Peres said at the meeting that he would support whoever is elected to take his place.

The MKs who support MK Haim Ramon, known as "the group of eight," which includes Beilin, are due to meet today to decide on future steps.

MKs who support Peres fear that many of Peres's camp will switch their allegiance to MK Ehud Barak, who is the favorite leadership candidate at present, especial-

camp is running for leadership.

Ramon denied reports that he was considering forming a center party with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, of the Likud. He said he would decide whether to contend for Labor's leadership after the party convention decides whether to hold open or closed primaries for the party's new leader.

Milo denied any intention of leaving the Likud and said he prefers to fight for his positions, which are more moderate the most of his party members', with in party ranks.

He said "gradually more more Likud members are beginning to believe in moderation and tolerance, and in a dialogue with the Palestinians. Once, when I spoke of getting out of Gaza, they wanted to kick me out of the party. Today everyone agrees that was the right thing to do." Michal Yudelman

## **Relatives of Grozny** hostage await news of fate

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE family of a Grozny Jew captured by Chechnyan rebels anxiously was awaiting news of his fate last night, but officials in Jerusalem said no word had yet been received about whether the man had been traced.

"We are hoping for a Hanukka miracle," said Don Dadayev, of Ashkelon, whose brother, Gilad, was kidnapped by the rebels. Gilad Dadayev was due to be

executed by his captors yesterday, unless their ransom demands were met, according to a letter sent to Ashkelon from the Chechnyan capital. He has been missing for four months.

"As Hanukka begins we are hoping for a miracle," Don Dadayev said yesterday in a telephone interview from his Ashkelon home. "Our father was a rabbi. We, the children were not religious, but we kept Jewish tradition. We believe in miracles."

Don Dadayev said that he hoped the publicity over his brother's fate would help save his life. "There is a list of 129 kidnapped

people in Grozny. Another 400 are believed to be missing. The fact

that Gilad's name does not appear on the list is a bureaucratic problem. That is why the Russians have . not yet looked for him. Perhaps the publicity will help. I thank The Jerusalem Post for publishing the story," Dadayev said. "We have to try every avenue to have him returned safe and sound."

Gilad Dadayev, 66, was kidnapped when he was walking home from work at a giant Grozny oil production plant on July 31. Last week his wife Sonya, wrote to her brother-in-law in Ashkelon, appealing to him to get help to save Gilad's life.

Don went to the Zionist Forum and other organizations, which began pulling strings.

Although Gilad had opted to return to Grozny after the Jews were evacuated from the war. zone, to try to get compensation for his house that was destroyed in the fighting, the Jewish organizations agreed to try to help attain his release on humanitarian grounds. Emissaries in Moscow and Pyatigorsk were alerted to try and trace him and international contacts were put into opera-

# Officer, NCOs plead not guilty to causing soldier's death by negligence

The head of an IDF workshop, Maj. Itamar Levy, and four soldiers under his command — Sgt.-Maj. Prosper Aberjil, Sgt.-Maj. Avided not guilty yesterday in Haifa Military Court to causing a soldier's death by negligence. St.-Sgt. Forddy Military Court to causing a soldier's

#### Aloni warns against 'Jewish ayatollahs ving on the roads. They are zealots." FORMER Meretz leader Shularnit MICHAL YUDELMAN Aloni yesterday charged that hareand secular communities will lead Aloni noted that "Israel is a sov-

to a civil war.

di leaders are "sort of ayatollahs, Iran style," who with their aggressive missionary activity want to impose by violent means their norms on all of Israeli society.

Aloni was interviewed on Israel Radio on the results of the Geocartography Institute poll published yesterday in Yedior Aharonot, indicating that 47.2% of the Jewish public believe the polarization between the religious





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